



Living Hope

Discipleship Group Questions for May 3, 2017

TOPIC/THEME: A Living Hope

MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Additional Verses: Romans 15:13 [NLT], 1 Peter 1:13, 21; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Corinthians 15:17-20; Ps. 39:7

POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:

- #1 - What was a situation that you were in that felt absolutely hopeless?
- #2 - What's something that you hope to do this summer?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *Feel free to use whatever questions here you think best apply to your group. Remember the goal is go deeper in discussion and help the students to take the next step in their faith. All of these questions should help you get to the application of the lesson for each individual. The application may be different for each person in the group based on where they are at spiritually. Be sure to work from head to heart to hands!*

HEAD QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to get people talking, everyone answers based on their knowledge & understanding of the topic*

- *What is something new you learned tonight? What is something you relearned tonight?
- *Was anything said that you don't agree with? If so, what? Why?
- *Why is hope so important?
- *What were some of the different kinds of hope that were mentioned?
- *What are things that you regularly put your hope in?
- *How is hope during difficult times different for a Christian than it is for a person who does not know Christ?

HEART QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to go deeper, answers should be specific to each individual rather than generic and in theory.*

- *Tell of a time that you put your hope in someone or something that failed you.
- *How has your faith in God and relationship with Jesus given you hope?
- *When the unexpected happens do you tend to be more of a "glass half empty" or "glass half full" kind of person?
- *When was a time that you had peace during a difficult circumstance?
- *How does Romans 15:13 [NLT] give you hope? Joy? Peace?
- *Why do you need a living and confident hope?
- *Tell us about a time in your life you felt like you were closest to God and why.

HANDS QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to create application and action using what we've learned and discussed. Be specific about your plans and invite accountability & prayer to help affect change.*

- *If the hope that you have in Christ really is living and confident, don't you think you should share that good news with others? How can you do that to those who don't have any hope?
- *How can you apply Romans 15:13 [NLT] to your life?
- *In what ways can you get back to being close to God? Why is that important in regards to your hope?
- *How can we hold you accountable and encourage you to follow through with your commitments this week?

RESOURCES: *Here are some additional resources that might be helpful to you as you prepare or if someone in your group wants to research deeper on this topic.*

- What is the difference between faith & hope? <https://www.gotquestions.org/difference-faith-hope.html>
- What does the Bible say about hope? <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-hope.html>
- What is the Christian's hope? <https://www.gotquestions.org/hope-Bible.html>