



Living Hope
1 Peter 1:6-12
Study Guide

Introduction

Paul is writing to believers who are experiencing persecution. He reminds them of the great joy we have in knowing Jesus. Open your Bible, and read out loud the following passages. Discuss the joy that we receive in knowing Jesus through the elements we find in the text.

1. Protected (1 Peter 1:5-6a)

Biblical conditions of 'enduring', 'continuing' and 'abiding' in Christ are not prerequisites to salvation, but descriptions of what it means to know Him.

Salvation means knowing Jesus. "...this is eternal life, that they may know Him." John 17:3

Do you know Jesus? How do you know that you know Him?

What does that relationship look like to you? Discuss.

2. Proven (1 Peter 1:6b-7)

Share a time when your faith was tested. What were the results when you endured?

What will be the ultimate result when Christ returns? What will that be like?

3. Depth (1 Peter 1:8-9)

Love and trust are foundational to relationship. How are these attributes demonstrated in your relationship with Jesus? How do you love Him? How do you trust Him?

Discuss.

4. Breadth (1 Peter 1:10-12)

Prophets prophesied, the apostles preached, and angels are super-curious about salvation. Our salvation is a God-story. It's far-reaching and it came to you. Discuss the implication that our salvation is based in a long and extensive historical context.

How does that strengthen your faith? Discuss.

Application

On Spotify, find Quiet Time, by Dan Maus. Play it repeatedly for your group as you spend time talking quietly with Jesus.

Read Matthew 11:28-30 in the Message Version several times for the group as you meditate.

1 Peter 1:6-12

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Psalm 139:15-16

"My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven ... Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

1 Peter: Born again to a living hope!

Big Idea: There is great joy in knowing Jesus.

A. Protected (v. 5-6a)

"...who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice,

John 8:31- If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.

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John 15:6- If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown...into the fire and burned.

Matthew 24:13- But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Colossians 1:23a- ... if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard...

John 10:28-29

I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

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1 John 5:13- These things I have written unto you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Philippians 1:6- And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:2- Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Romans 8:39- ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Conclusion: 'Abide', 'endure', 'continue' are not prerequisites, but descriptions of genuine faith.

A trustworthy saying

1 Timothy 2:11-13

¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Do you know Jesus?

John 17:3

"And this is eternal life, that they may know Me..."

2. Proven (v. 6b-7)

...though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

3. Deep (v. 8-9)

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

4. Broad (v. 10-12)

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

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Spotify- Quiet Times Dan Maus (set to repeat)

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