

16. Read *1 Peter 3-5*. What did Jesus obtain by His resurrection? What does this mean for us?

Reflection Questions: Why do I believe in Jesus' resurrection? How do I daily live like I believe in His resurrection? What is my hope? Am I currently experiencing a living hope? Why or why not?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Our greatest need is that we are spiritually dead. We are spiritually dead and don't even know it. Even if we did know about it, there is nothing we could do to change our condition.... We are spiritually dead, not sick and in need of medicine, but dead in need of a resurrection.

Brian Evans

Hope is a life-shaping certainty of something that hasn't happened yet, but you know will.

Tim Schaaf

Have you raced hardship last week, last month, last year, facing things that you would've never planned for yourself? What is the Gospel that you preach to yourself in that moment? The Gospel of a loving and zealous Redeemer who will not leave you alone until every aspect of your personhood has been fully refined into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ without weakness and without blemish? Or is the gospel of temporary glory where God is judged by the degree to which He makes my life comfortable? That gospel is not the Gospel. This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we, in those moments of trial, say to ourselves: this too is love. My Lord is delivering to me exactly what my heart has craved—the salvation of my soul.

He is loving; He is faithful; He is good.

Paul David Tripp

The evidence for Jesus' resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live.

Wolfhart Pannenberg



1. False Hope

2. Reason to Hope

A. We Matter to God

B. God's Been There

C. God Brings Good From Bad

D. God's Power Works In Us

3. Experiencing Hope

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. How are *2 Corinthians 1:3* and *Ephesians 1:3* similar to *1 Peter 1:3*? Different?

3. What was it in God to cause *us to be born again (1 Peter 1:3)*?

4. What does it mean *to be born again*? Back up your answer with Scripture.

5. *Hope* is a key word in *1 Peter (1:3, 13, 21; 3:5, 15)*? How does the Bible define *hope*? Back up your answer with Scripture.

What is the *living hope* Peter refers to in *1 Peter 1:3*?

What does our *living hope* come through (*1 Peter 1:3*)?

6. Why is the physical resurrection of Jesus important to our faith as Christians? Explain.

7. How does the truth of Jesus' resurrection give us comfort and hope during difficult times?

8. What does Christ's resurrection mean for our future? For our present?

Back up your answer with Scripture.

9. How did the resurrection of Jesus change Peter's life? Does it change ours as well?

10. Read *Luke 1:1-4* and *24:1-12*. What reason does Luke give for his gospel account? Why is this important?

11. What do the following verses teach about biblical hope?

Psalm 39:7 —

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5 —

Romans 5:1-5 —

Titus 2:13 —

Romans 8:22-25 —

Hebrews 6:19-20 —

12. Read *Romans 4:25*. How is Jesus' resurrection connected with our salvation?

13. In *Philippians 3:10-11*, what does Paul want us to know?

14. Why is a belief in the literal bodily resurrection of Jesus so crucial to our salvation?

15. According to *Hebrews 12:2*, what motivated Jesus to go to the cross? What does this mean? Explain.