

A Living Hope: Who We Are and Why We Exist

Reflect

1. What defines you?
2. What is your purpose in life and how do you know?
3. What is the purpose of the church?

Read Your Bible

- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 14:1-7

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What does it mean to have been given a "new birth into a living hope"?
2. How would you define hope?
3. How is our hope alive? Why does that matter?
4. How does our hope give us purpose? What purpose do you have as a Christian?
5. How has your life been changed by hope in Christ?
6. How do we share hope? Is our hope just for eternal life or more?
7. What is God saying to you in our texts today? Why is telling others about Jesus so important?

Conclusion

We are people defined by a "Living Hope!" That means that our hope is not just a wishful feeling, but that Hope has a name...Jesus. Jesus provides us hope for this life and the next. We trust that our lives can be restored and redeemed today, and completely when we die. Hope means we can enter into the brokenness of this life with assurance, the chaos with confidence, the hurt with comfort, the conflicted with peace and even face death with joy. Because we know that victory has been won over sin and death by the work that Jesus Christ has done on the cross. Our work as Christ's disciples is to share that good news of Hope in Christ with the whole world. We are children of Hope called to bring Jesus' hope to the world!

Pray

Father, may my life be defined by the Hope we have in You. When I am afraid, bring me assurance, when I am in despair bring me confidence, when I am lost, show me the way. Guide us as Your church to show the world living hope. Thank You for the hope You provide us on the cross. Thank You for purpose, for joy and for the eternal comfort we have in You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.