

OUR LIVING HOPE

CENTRAL TRUTH

Because of the living hope Jesus has secured for us through His resurrection, you and I can have live with joy and confidence—even amid some of life’s toughest situations. Suffering and hardship will not have the final word. Together we will see that, **in Christ, we have the hope of eternal life.**

KEY QUESTION


 **What is the “living hope” Peter refers to in this letter? Why is this important?**

Our future resurrection is guaranteed by Jesus’s own resurrection. Not only have believers received spiritual life, but we will also one day experience resurrection. For believers, eternal life does not simply speak to a future reality—it begins now and moves into eternity.

KEEP IN MIND

- 1 Peter calls believers to rejoice amid suffering, a command that probably seems bizarre and backward. It’s important for students to understand that we don’t rejoice because of our difficult circumstances. Rather, we are able to rejoice because of the living hope provided for us in Christ. This future hope changes how we live today.
- Believers don’t receive just future hope. According to 1 Peter 4:14, we have the Holy Spirit residing within each of us. Remind students that we’re not left to our own devices when difficult circumstances arise. The Holy Spirit comforts us and gives us power to live in a God-honoring way.

APPLICATION








 **How can we encourage one another to remain faithful to the Lord when difficult situations arise?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Remind students that suffering is not the end of our stories. In Christ, we have a living a hope—a hope that gives us comfort and courage to face whatever life throws at us today.

FOR THE LEADER: Through this teaching, help students to reshape how they understand biblical hope. We mustn’t think about it through the lens of uncertainty, but through the lens of God’s promise for every follower of Jesus.

7 ARROWS

-  What does this passage say?
-  What does this passage tell us about God?
-  What did this passage mean to its original audience?
-  How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
-  What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
-  How does this passage prompt me to pray?
-  What does this passage demand of me?