

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

1 Peter 1:3-9 – Genuine Hope

My Story

1. What one thing belonging to a parent or grandparent might you like to inherit? If you've already inherited that thing, tell why it's important to you.

Digging Deeper

2. Peter says we have been born again to a living hope (v.3). What do you learn about being born again from passages like John 1:12-13, 3:3-6 and Gal. 4:4-7?
3. Read 1 Cor. 15:19-26 and 1 John 3:1-3. Describe the content of our "living hope." What should this mean for the way we live our lives? Consider especially the way we approach trials.

4. Compare our passage with 2 Cor. 4:16-18. What do they both say about suffering and its purpose and value in our lives? What does Peter say about who we do not see? What does Paul say about the things that are unseen?

Reflection

5. In times of personal crisis, do you tend to lean on God more or blame God? Has suffering made you bitter or "better"?
6. Do you ever get scared about losing your faith or wonder if it is strong enough to withstand the trials that might come? Explain.

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Take time this week to pray and ask God to help you focus on your future that you might rejoice in the present. Ask Him to help you lift your eyes above your current struggles and trials to see His eternal plan for you.

Praises / Prayer Requests

