



## Part 1 | Living Hope

When you go through a difficult circumstance, there is one thing that keeps you going - the expectation that something better is in front of you. We call that expectation “hope.” At some point in life, each of us has our hopes dashed. However, because of the resurrection of Jesus, our hopes can be renewed day-by-day.

**Bottom Line:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ brings living hope to everyone who believes.

### Discussion Questions

1. What is something that you are hopeful about? Finish this sentence: I hope that....
2. Describe a time when you lost hope. What happened? What was it that pulled you through that experience?
3. Have a couple of people read aloud Peter’s story to the group in the following passages: Matt. 26:31-35; Luke 22:54-62; Mark 16:1-7; John 21:15-19; Acts 3:11-20; 1 Peter 1:3, 8
4. How would you explain the change in Peter (compare Luke 22:60-62 and Acts 3:13, 16) without the resurrection?
5. If Jesus’ intention was to reinstate Peter, why do you think he would reference Peter’s future death (see John 21:18-19)? How does the possibility of future hardship impact hope?
6. Peter’s life was not easy after the resurrection (read Acts 5:27-42 for an example). How do you think the resurrection of Jesus enabled Peter to face such hardships with such joy (see Acts 5:41 and 1 Peter 1:3 & 8)?
7. What situation or circumstance makes it difficult for you to have hope right now?
8. How can the resurrection of Jesus give you hope in your current circumstances? What if things don’t get better in the way that you hope? What will you do?

### Moving Forward

1. What has been the most helpful or encouraging thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
2. How can the group encourage you and pray for you this week?
3. What passage or verse from this study has been most helpful to you? Commit that verse to memory this week.