

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Feb 14-15, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

A Hope That Transforms

(1 Peter 1:3-9)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud 1 Peter 1:3-9.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

During struggle/suffering, how do you typically respond?

Pastor Alan talked about "hope" being different than "wishful" or "positive thinking."

What is the difference between these words/states of mind?

Within this portion of scripture, Pastor Alan highlights three transformative realities that can result from Living Hope.

First, Living Hope enables us to rest in a secure future (1 Peter 1:3).

Where do you tend to find security?

When has this place of security provided peace?

When has this place of security failed to bring peace?

Vs. 5 refers to being “shielded by God’s power.”

How fully do you feel God’s protection over your future?

What helps (or what could help) strengthen this reality?

Second, Living Hope gives meaning to our current suffering (1 Peter 1:6).

When have you been in a season of suffering?

When have you grown through suffering?

The Lenten season offers us the opportunity to give up something we value or enjoy.

If you have had a powerful Lenten experience in the past, share a bit about this experience.

If you are feeling called to participate in Lent this year, how are you looking to engage?

Third, Living Hope finds inexhaustible joy in Jesus (1 Peter 1:8-9).

When, if ever, have you experienced joy during suffering?

How was this possible?

If this felt impossible, why do you think that was the case?

In your current season of life, what level of joy are you experiencing in your relationship with Jesus?

If you feel a bit dry in your current season, what might help you nurture a greater sense of joy?

Moving forward, what practices could potentially help you engage more fully with this Living Hope?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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