

## Sermon Discussion Guide

### Reverse the Curse

*Living Hope*

May 8, 2022



### Big Idea

Having the promise of a living hope enables us to suffer with a perspective that will ultimately lead us to a more genuine faith.



### Icebreaker

What's the best hand-me-down you ever received?



### Discussion Questions

Read **1 Peter 1:3-9** for the discussion.

1. Review **verse 3**. How does the resurrection of Jesus give us hope now?
2. Review **verse 4**. We will receive an inheritance in the future that gives us the hope of sharing in community with God forever. How often do you think about your future eternal inheritance? What part are you most looking forward to?
3. Review **verses 4-5**. Our inheritance is incorruptible, undefiled, and doesn't fade away. How can a future promise that will not waver give us hope today?
4. Review **verse 6**. What is the role of hope in the midst of grief and pain? Can it fully remove pain? Is it supposed to? How do we rejoice while in pain?
5. Review **verse 7**. Suffering with perspective leads to a more genuine faith. Why is our perspective such a crucial component of faith growth? How has suffering made your faith more genuine?



### Concluding Question

Read **verse 8**. How does hope turn into joy? What does it look like to have joy in the middle of suffering? If you're willing to share, what suffering do you need to turn over to God today so you can experience hope and joy?



### Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



### Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- The hope of Jesus' resurrection
- A healthy perspective during suffering
- Finding hope and joy
- Revive's partner ministries  
(Heart Check starts next week!)