

# A Life of Hope

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'FIND YOUR HOPE IN JESUS'  
1 PETER 1:3-5, 8

Thinking of the next 12 months, what is one of your main hopes for your life? Do you think your hope is realistic? Share.

What are some of the events or messages of life that tend to drain you of hope?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5, 8: from v 3, how would you define 'living hope'?

God has given us a gift. He has also placed a condition of receipt of that gift. What words from these verses highlight these two aspects?

Can you say, 'Jesus I believe in you.....'? If so, what words would you add?

Belief in Jesus can mean a number of things:

(a) For Peter who initially followed Jesus, then denied Him and then realized that Jesus was alive, what sort of Jesus did he eventually believe in and how does that compare with your own belief?

(b) The other 'Jesus' expressed in these passages relates to him being our 'Righteousness'. What words and/or phrases illustrate this and how might you define 'Righteousness'?

How do the above two aspects of belief in Jesus give you hope in what is otherwise 'a hope deprived world'?

Reread v 8: We are invited to say, 'Jesus, I love You.' What passage(s) from the Bible and/or life experiences most help you to respond in such a way? (EG John 21:15-17, John 3:16, Rom 8:35-38, Eph 3:17-19)

Reflecting on the invitation of being able to say that (a) you believe in Jesus and (b) that you love Jesus, how would you like your Group to pray for you?