



Living Hope

Faith does not keep life from being hard. In fact, sometimes faith makes life harder. Christians need a conviction that the present will surrender to a glorious future. Not “hope so”, but living hope, the kind that Jesus’ resurrection brings. Welcome to 1 Peter!

Week 2: ...In the Holiness of God

1. Rick began by reminding us that *Peter is calling on his readers to live odd for God, motivated by a living hope grounded in the resurrection of Jesus*. Where do you have opportunities to live out your faith in a way that sets you apart from the way unbelievers live? How has your faith in the resurrected Jesus helped you do that well recently?
2. **READ 1 PETER 1:13-16**. What resonates with you the most from this passage? What does it mean to be holy? Follow up: How do Peter’s words both encourage you & challenge you?
3. **Living hope produces holy living**. How does the prospect of spending eternity with Jesus impact your moral decisions today?
4. **READ 1 PETER 1:17-2:8. We display holiness through purity**. What phrases or thoughts jump out to you the most from this section? Why is it important to know that the standard for holiness is Jesus and not someone else? How has that changed the way you live? Follow up: **Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**. What resonates with you the most from this passage?
5. **We display holiness by maturity**. Rick mentioned two marks of maturity found in 1 Peter: (1) *an increased hunger for God’s Word* and (2) *an increased love for God’s people*. How have you experienced these to be true in your faith journey and how do they go together? Follow up: How have your “appetites” changed since coming to know Christ? What do you desire now that you would never have desired previously?
6. **We display holiness in community**. *Every metaphor Peter uses to motivate passion for holiness is corporate*. Why is that so significant? How would your spiritual formation change if you were to invite other followers of Jesus into your daily life in a deeper way? Follow up: How does dwelling on the Word of God and living with other exiles in community help us to want holiness more than the sin we naturally crave?
7. **READ 1 PETER 2:9-10. Holy living proclaims living hope**. Where do you find it most difficult to “live holy” in your daily life? What truth can you take away from this week’s message as an encouragement toward holiness and how can you practically live it out?

