

# AFTERLIFE

MESSAGE NOTES

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A Living Hope for Today & Tomorrow  
1 Peter 1:3-22

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Our living hope compels us to live lives marked  
by holiness and love.

I. Our living hope is anchored in the PAST

*"Christ has not just made our salvation possible: he has made it sure."* – John Stott

II. Our living hope will be fully realized in the FUTURE

"Shielded" = kept under guard. Image of a fortress.

III. Our living hope sustains us in the PRESENT

- o Trials are not incompatible with JOY (v.6, 8)
- o Trials come in many forms (v.6)
- o Trials are TEMPORARY (v.6)
- o Trials are PURPOSEFUL (v.7)

**Now What?** Our living hope compels us to live lives marked  
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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of May 26, 2019



## Share It

Get to know one another

When have you been especially glad for hope in Christ? How did this hope change you?



## Study the Word

Learning to know God from the Bible

The book of 1 Peter was written to believers who were suffering. Read 1 Peter 3:15a. What are people supposed to see in us?

Read the following and answer the question, 'Why would people see something different in us?' 1 Peter 1:13-16, 22; 3:13-16

If your friend sees that you have hope, how could you explain why you have hope from 1 Peter 1:3-12?



## Discuss Together

Discuss how God can change our lives

Where are those without Christ placing their hope? Why might this be happening?

What helps people to see hope in us? What inhibits people from seeing hope in us?

How can we "always be prepared" to share the reason for our hope? (see 1 Peter 3:15) What might that look like when we do share?



## Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- Pray for people you know that especially need hope right now
- Ask God to share hope through our global partners
- Pray for those in your world without the hope of Christ



## Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Listen carefully to where people place false hope. Ask God to open doors to share His hope with believers and those not yet in Christ.