



**TALK IT OVER**



**HOPE PROJECT**

## **WEEK 1 REVIVING HOPE**

Group leader,

At this first group meeting, allow each person to introduce themselves. You can ask each person to share their name and one thing they like that starts with the letter their name starts with (“I’m Andy and I like Apples”).

Choose from these questions and ask follow-up questions that flow naturally from the conversation. The goal is to share, connect, and enjoy being together. Adapt these questions to the unique people and group that you are hosting. You don’t have to use them all, only what is helpful.



### **ICE BREAKERS**

Choose one:

- Have you ever inherited something special? What and from whom?
- What do you HOPE to do most when SIP restrictions are lifted?



### **READ**

**1 Peter 1:1-3** (you can copy and paste these verses in the chat)

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (NIV)



## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Pastor Andy said that “hope is a confident expectation that God will come through.” What is there to be hopeful about in these verses?
  2. Hope is based on ONE person and ONE event! How does it change things when we look to Jesus, the Cross and the empty tomb for hope?
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## READ

### **1 Peter 1:4**

“And we have a priceless inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled beyond the reach of change and decay.” (NLT)



## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

How does this verse impact the way you think of heaven?

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## READ

### **John 21:1-3**

“Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said, ‘I’m going fishing.’ ‘We’ll come, too,’ they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.” (NLT)



## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. After Peter denied Jesus he went back to fishing. Why does this matter? What does this say about his hope in this story?

2. Pastor Andy said “a hopeless life leads to an aimless life.” When we lose hope we tend to go back to old ways of life. What have you found yourself returning to during this difficult season of life?
3. In the message we looked at 3 reasons people lose hope: Personal Failure, Loss of Control and Relentless Difficulty. Which of these do you most relate to? What has been weighing on you lately, and has it caused you to lose hope?
4. How can you choose to set your focus on a hopeful future in your life?



## PRAYER

Ask those in your group to share a prayer request (in the chat, or verbally if there is time).

**Say a prayer for the group’s requests ending with something like this:** God we thank you for bringing us together today to learn about hope from you. You know it’s been hard for us all lately. Please show us how to receive your hope, and how to have confidence that you will come through for us. Fill our hearts with hope today! In Jesus’ name, Amen.