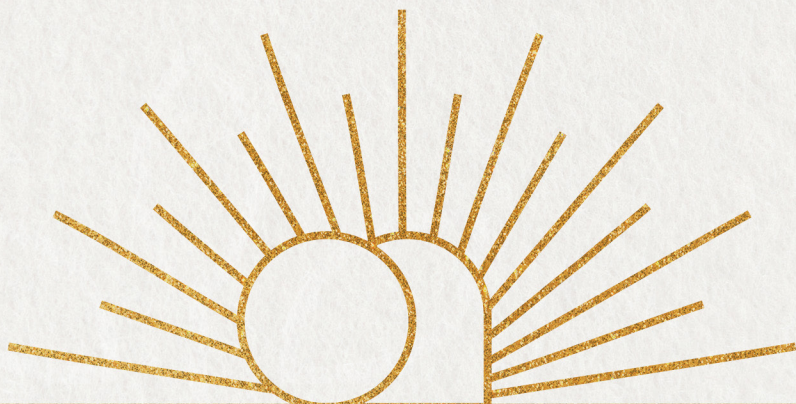




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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Remember a time when you were a kid when you wanted to give up on something but instead you persevered. What made you not give up on that thing, activity, person etc.?

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- [It is Well with My Soul](#)
- [Be Thou My Vision](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will thank God for keeping and preserving them and their eternal inheritance in heaven.
2. GG members will rejoice and find purpose in their suffering.
3. GG members will rejoice in the hope that they have in Christ.

INTRODUCTION

The readers of the Apostle Peter were undergoing intense trials and persecution for their faith. He desired to encourage them by pointing to the value that their trial had on their future hope and by pointing out God's grace upon them in the present.

Christ's death and resurrection brings hope to believers (vv. 3–5)

1. Peter blesses God the Father in particular; why do you think so?
2. Peter says that abundant mercy of the Father has begotten his readers to a living hope; what do you think is the nature of this "living" hope?
3. Peter says that there is an inheritance reserved in heaven for the believer that is incorruptible and undefiled. The word inheritance echoes the inheritance that the nation of Israel was promised, which was the promised land just as they were leaving Egypt out of bondage. Why do you think Peter alludes to this in reference to what awaits the believer in heaven?
4. Peter says that believers are kept by something. What is that thing? Through what are believers kept? And for what?

Application

How does it make you feel when God secures something for you, knowing that it will always be kept safe from harm?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Because of this hope, believers are able to patiently endure trials (vv. 6–7)

1. Peter says that the future revelation of the believer's salvation is cause for rejoicing despite present trials. How so?
2. Peter says that trials for the believer have a purpose and it relates to the genuine nature of the believer's faith. What is the ultimate end in mind for the testing of the believers faith? To whose praise, honor and glory is it? Why does a believer often think about his problems in terms of what it brings him, whether good or bad, and not think of what it gives Jesus?

Application

Do you find it easy or difficult to rejoice in trials? Why do you feel that way?

Because of this hope, believers experience joy (vv. 8–9)

1. Peter says essentially that believers are to walk by faith and not by sight because presently no one sees Jesus. When a Christian is walking in faith and belief, what kind of emotion permeates him? Why do think so?
2. In scripture salvation is spoken of in three tenses: the past tense (justification), present tense (sanctification) and future tense (glorification). In what tense is Peter referring to salvation here? Why do you think Peter is emphasizing a future hope, in light of present trials for his readers? How important is this truth for believers today?

Application

Rate your daily joy in living the Christian life. How can your joy be increased?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help us develop a daily paradigm of hope. Help us remember that our salvation is secure in Jesus Christ, to whom our faith is suppose to give praise and glory to. We ask that you strengthen us with the might of your Spirit. In Christ's name we pray. ■



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