

Discussion Questions

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Series: THE REAL THING: Living for Impact

Message: "Real HOPE"

Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:3-9; 3:15

1. Ice Breaker: Three stories about Real Hope were shared in this sermon. Which story resonated with you the most: Mordechai's conversion (video), young man in fetal position, or the Hackler family housing Baraka and Merci?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:3. So many times, our prayers are centered around people's sickness or problems (not a bad thing at all; the Lord asks us to lift up all kinds of petitions). Notice what Peter chooses to praise God for. List them and discuss them.
3. Discuss the differences between what God values and what the world values.
4. Read 1 Peter 1:4-5. Assuming that there are people in your life (circle of influence) that are experiencing some level of hopelessness, do you have the relational equity to pray with them and speak words of truth and grace into their lives?
5. In what ways does God's presence bring assurance to your mind/heart/soul?
6. How can you tell if you have the real hope of Jesus in your life?
7. Read 1 Peter 1:6-9. Now reflect on the vision statement: "Real Love bringing Real Hope into Real Life." Where do you see the vision statement reflected in this passage?

Bottom Line: Real Hope is Alive!

- The foundation of your hope is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- Bring hope to the hopeless!

Challenge: Ask God to give you an opportunity to share Real Hope with someone within the next 10 days.

- 1 Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

- **If you have never experienced the salvation** that only comes through Jesus, please reach out to us as pastors@connectchristianchurch.org. We would love to talk with you and pray with you and lead you into God's Presence.