

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

I Peter – May 10, 2026

Big Idea: Jesus is the living hope to get us through life's trials

- Ice Breaker: Have you ever experienced a natural disaster (flood, blizzard, tornado, hurricane... like Pastor Bob and the earthquake) where your surroundings were literally shaky or unstable?

Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.

- Even when life is uncertain, we have a hope that cannot be shaken
- Because Jesus is alive, we who are believers have a hope that is also alive
- The living hope Jesus gives is for an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading
- Believers are guarded, protected, and shielded by God
- One purpose of trials is to prove faith is genuine
- Rather than focus on the hardship or trial, we should focus on the relationship with Jesus which gives salvation
- God designed us to walk through difficulty in community, not alone

Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?

Making it Personal

Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on you personally.

- What was a time in your life when something you thought was stable suddenly felt uncertain or shaken?
- What are you tempted to put your hope in when life feels shaky?
- Describe a trial you have faced that seemed endless at the time, but God saw you through it. What did you learn about yourself, your faith, or God?
- How do you typically respond when life gets hard – leaning in toward God and others, or pulling away? Why do you think this is?
- Share about a time when you felt especially guarded, protected, and shielded by God.
- What does living hope mean to you personally?
- Who are the people God has placed in your life to help carry your burdens? Are you letting them?
- Do you ever struggle to focus on your secure future, to think about eternity? Who or what helps you think with an eternal perspective?

Scripture Review

Revisit some of the scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.

- 1 Peter 1:1-9
- What is the end result of our faith? (verse 9)
- Describe the inheritance promised to believers (verse 4)

Diving Deeper

Use the verses below to dive into other passages of scripture that relate to the primary scripture passage from this week's sermon.

Old Testament

- Psalm 34:19, Psalm 46:1-3, 1 Chronicles 16:11, Exodus 14:14, Isaiah 40:28-31, Isaiah 43:2, Lamentations 3:22-24

New Testament

- James 1:2-4, James 1:12, John 11:25-26, 16:33, Romans 5:3-5, Romans 8:17-18, Hebrews 10:23-25, Philippians 4:6-7

How do these scripture passages align with the scripture from the sermon? Do you see any contradictions between passages? If so, can you explain why this is?

Application & Action

It is important to take the knowledge you gain and see how it can become an actionable step that the Holy Spirit can use to produce transformation in your life.

This week's passage reminds us that even when life feels like it's shifting beneath us, our hope in Jesus is steady, alive, and secure. As you reflect on that truth, consider the following:

- **Identify:** What is one area of your life that feels uncertain, heavy, or unstable right now? How is it affecting you?
- **Refocus:** When life feels unsettled, what helps you remember the hope and security you have in Jesus? What tends to pull your focus away from that hope?
- **Lean In:** Why is it sometimes difficult to let others walk with us in hard seasons? What does healthy support and community look like for you right now?
- **Pray Honestly:** Have you ever experienced a season where your prayers felt especially raw or honest? What did you learn about God in that time?
- **Encourage:** Who in your life may need encouragement right now? What is one practical way you could support or care for them this week?

Two-minute Takeaway

In response to this week's message, commit to taking two minutes each day to take a step closer to God.

Spend two minutes each morning thanking Jesus for the hope you have because of His resurrection. Remind yourself of this truth: "Jesus, you are my living hope. Even in uncertain seasons, my life is secure in you today and for eternity."

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.