



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
R O C H E S T E R

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**April 12, 2026**

**Refresh**

Read 1 Peter 1:3-7 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

**Discuss**

How does Peter's opening praise in verse 3 shape how we think about worship in the Christian life? In light of Peter's obvious excitement reflecting on God's kindness toward believers, how can believers today cultivate a genuine heart of excitement about God's work toward us?

The sermon contrasts our "story of sin" with God's "story of mercy." How does a clear understanding of sin deepen our appreciation for God's mercy in salvation?

What does it mean to be "born again to a living hope"? How is "living hope" different from wishful thinking or optimism? What does it practically look like to model a true "living hope" in our daily lives as believers?

We were challenged to consider what we are ultimately living for. What are some modern "temporary hopes" that people, including believers, are tempted to build their lives around instead of Christ? How might we grow in our ability to rightly identify what we are ultimately living for?

How would you describe the "inheritance" mentioned in 1 Peter 1:4? Which aspects of that inheritance are most encouraging to you right now, and why? What does it look like for believers to live in anticipation of this inheritance?

The passage teaches that trials test and refine our faith. How have hardships in your life either strengthened or exposed the foundation of your hope? How do trials in believers' lives intersect with the reality of the hope we have in God?

What does it practically look like to "rejoice" in the midst of trials because of our eternal inheritance in Christ, rather than letting circumstances dictate our joy? Who have you seen who models this well, and what led you to see it in their lives?