



# Sermon Discussion Questions

*May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!*

**CHECK INS:** Let's check in quick with each other; how are we doing folks...?!?

## 1.11.26 - SERMON RECAP:

This Sunday we continue in our Disciples of Jesus Series preaching through I Peter. Peter anchors the believer's identity and endurance in what God has already done through Jesus Christ. New birth produces a living hope, secures an imperishable inheritance, and assures believers that they are guarded by God's power. These truths shape how Christians face suffering, uncertainty, temptation, and the future with confidence and joy! Let's turn to I Peter 1:1-5 and read this together. (As a group, let's take turns reading this scripture together; and then ponder/discuss these questions for our lives.)

## DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Peter begins with praise: "Blessed be the God and Father..." (1 Pet. 1:3). Why do you think worship is the starting point for understanding hope rather than circumstances or emotions? (Related passages: Eph.1:3-6; Romans 11:36)
2. We are "born again" according to God's mercy, not our effort (1 Pet. 1:3). How does remembering your spiritual rebirth shape the way you view your past, your failures, and your future growth? (Related passages: Gospel of John 1:12-13; 3:3-8)
3. Peter describes our hope as a living hope. What distinguishes a living hope from a 'dead' hope, or 'stagnant' hope, or a 'monumental' hope? How does the resurrection of Jesus make hope active and sustaining today? (Related passages: I Corinthians 15:19-22; Romans 5:1-5)
4. Peter speaks of an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading (1 Pet. 1:4). How does this future inheritance challenge the way we relate to material possessions, success, or comfort now? (Related passages: Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel of Matthew 6:19-21)
5. The inheritance is "kept in heaven for you" (1 Pet. 1:4). How does the security of what God keeps for us free us from fear, comparison, or anxiety in the present?
6. Believers are "guarded by God's power through faith" (1 Pet. 1:5). How does this truth balance God's sovereignty with our responsibility to trust Him daily? (John 10:27-30; Phil 1:6)
7. What fears, doubts, or pressures tempt you to believe you must ultimately guard yourself? How does trusting God's protecting power reshape your prayer life and decision-making? (Related passages: Romans 8:31-39; I Thessalonians 5:23-24)
8. Looking at 1 Peter 1:3-5 as a whole, which truth do you most need to lean into right now: new birth, living hope, eternal inheritance, or God's guarding power? What is one concrete way this truth should shape how you live this week?

## How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

