

# SERMON DISCUSSION

APRIL 5, 2020

## Questions

Living  
HOPE

Even when threat scatters us, we have a uniting hope through Christ!

1 Peter 1:3-9 — David Lane

### WARM-UP

1. What is the difference between the “hope” that the world speaks of and the “hope” we find in the Bible?
2. How have you seen these differences played out in the day-to-day world before us?

### DIGGING DEEPER

**READ** – 1 Peter 1:1-9 to get an overview of Dave’s message

**READ** – vs. 3 – Living Hope through the resurrection of Jesus

3. How does one get this Living Hope? This is exactly what Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus in John 3:1-21. Refresh your memory of this great conversation!
4. Discuss the certainty of this Living Hope through Jesus’ resurrection.

**READ** – vs. 4 – Living Hope by obtaining an inheritance

5. What does it mean when we receive an inheritance when someone dies?
6. What is the difference with the inheritance that Peter describes?

**READ** – vs. 5 – Living Hope that is protected by the power of God

7. Look up the word, “omnipotent” to better understand the intensity of this verse. The two other qualities of God are omnipresence and omniscience while you’re looking!
8. Read this verse a few times – is it possible to feel secure in anyone else’s hands like you can with God?

**READ** – vs 6-7 – Living Hope despite being distressed by various trials

*Life comes with trails, some bigger than others. For Peter’s time it was Nero who brought immense persecution to the church. For us, Covid 19 or perhaps even worse trials for some.*

9. Have you ever felt you were being refined by God for His greater purpose? How?
10. How do these verses put into perspective our response to our trials?
11. How does verse seven bring you great hope amid the storm of trial?

**READ** – vs. 8-9 – *Living Hope even though you have not seen Him*

12. Can you “greatly rejoice” in these days? In what ways can you rejoice even during the storm of these trials? What has God shown you about His character, His nature, His goodness, His power or His love?
13. Ponder Dave’s quote, “Looking to Jesus with eyes of faith.” What does that mean to you today?

## **PRAYER**

*Read verses 10-12. Notice the beautiful “pass-it-on” sequence in verse 12. The Good News is not something to keep just for ourselves. Pray for that opportunity in the week to come to speak to someone about our Living Hope.*

## **MY STORY ANECDOTE**

*One of our EAC family is calling old friends just to check up on them to see how they are doing in this time of stress. Not just Christian friends, but people he has worked with and neighbors who he wishes to encourage in Christ. Now is a great time just to check in with a warm heart. You never know what door the Lord might open!*

***Just in case you missed the service here are the EAC, Facebook and YouTube links:***

<http://edgewateralliance.org/media/sermon-videos>

<https://www.facebook.com/edgewateralliance/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5NJpDrghKk>

# THE S.O.A.P METHOD

*SOAP is a simple method to study your Bible*

It's simple. Just take out your journal and start by working through a passage or chapter of Scripture. As a heading, write the reference for that passage at the top of the page, along with the date. Then, just write the first letter of the words serving as headings below, and follow the instructions that come after. Your entire SOAP should take up about one page in your journal.

**SCRIPTURE:** As you read through your passage of Scripture, write down the verses or sections "word for word" that really stuck out to you as memorable or interesting.

**OBSERVATION:** Now focus on the verses that you just wrote down in the "S" section. What do you think the author is saying in the text? What does it mean? What does it reveal as true about God? What does it reveal as true about people? Don't apply yet!

**APPLICATION:** Now, write down what needs to change in your life based on what you've read in this verse. Based on your observations, how should you apply this to your life? This is a really important step. Scripture does us little good unless we put it into practice.

## **PRAYER :**

- Always use worship as the base for your prayers rather than requests  
(Seek His face not just His hand)
- Allow the scripture to feed your worship.  
(What does this passage reveal about Him that you celebrate and adore?)
- Ask the Spirit to lead your prayer.  
(Spend time listening for His voice and prompting rather than presenting a list and doing all the talking)