(Week of December 14th)

ADVENT - HOPE

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

Seek an expanded view of God.

ICEBREAKER

If you could only eat one type of cuisine forever what would it be?

BOTTOM LINE

The presence of Christ means the absence of hopelessness.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-7

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 29:11 Romans 8:24-25 Hebrews 11:1 Isaiah 40:31 1 Thessalonians 1:3 Revelation 21:4-5

RESOURCES

Read this <u>article</u> from Ligonier Ministries titled, "A Living Hope."

Watch this <u>video</u> from The Bible Project titled, "1 Peter."

GRACE EVENTS

https://www.gracefellowship.cc/events/

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
- 2. Where do people commonly place their hope today, and why do those things often end up disappointing us?
- 3. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. Peter says believers have been born into a **living hope**. What does the phrase "living hope" communicate to you?
- 4. Where do you personally feel "stuck" right now—in life, faith, habits, or circumstances?
- 5. How might biblical hope—not optimism or positivity—help you begin to move forward in those areas?

Jesus offers hope for our past, present, and future:

- 6. **Past:** How has Jesus freed you from your past?
- 7. **Present:** Peter calls believers "chosen" and "guarded by God's power." What does that say about your identity?
- 8. **Future:** How does a secure eternity change the way you endure present trials?
- 9. What is one way you can intentionally cultivate hope during Advent this year?

ACTION STEP

Find an area in your life where hope is low and ask this question:

How should the presence of Jesus bring hope to this situation?