

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 16, 2023:
An Ancient Letter to a Modern Church: Living Hope



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS
Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- What's something you like to do in the spring that you really dislike to do in the winter?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-9

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What does it mean to have a “new birth”? Read John 3:1-9. What does Jesus say that a birth by the Spirit will give us eyes to see?
- What is our living hope? Why is it called a “living” hope?
- What are the unique characteristics mentioned about this inheritance? How does that compare with say the inheritance left behind by an extremely wealthy person for his child?
- In this world, sometimes a child with a big inheritance will grow lazy. Does our heavenly inheritance have the same effect? Why or why not?
- What does it mean that our salvation is going to “be revealed in the last time?” Is our salvation not complete yet? In what way?
- What is our rejoicing (verse 6) based on? Do you greatly rejoice? When do we tend to rejoice more than other times?
- What should our attitude be when we face trials? Have you faced any trials recently? What were

they?

- o How will knowing we have an inheritance in heaven affect our behavior and attitudes when we face trials?
- o What is more precious than gold (verse 7)? Why?

- **SERVE** *others*

The second offering during the month of April will go to support the Family in Need Fund. There are seasons or circumstances when a family from RR may struggle financially and we want to be able to pick up our brothers and sisters in need. This fund is designated to be used for members and friends of RR to help during those times. To donate to the Second Offering, visit www.royalredeemer.org/worship

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**