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**Hope Has Risen!**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ’s resurrection brings new birth and secures eternal hope for all who trust in Him.

**What If The Tomb Isn’t Empty And Jesus Is Still Dead?**

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

1. Christianity is a fraud.

2. Pastors and Christians are to be pitied.

3. You only have hope in this life.

4. The Bible can’t be trusted.

**Because Jesus Christ Has Risen!**

1. Jesus must be taken seriously.

2. We have an ever-living hope.

3. The best is yet to come.

4. Suffering doesn’t have the final say.

 A. God is protecting us in our faith.

 B. God will complete the work He started in us.

5. We can praise God no matter our circumstances.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for the gift of Salvation found only in Jesus. Pray that Christ will be the center of our attentions and affections and that the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead would be evident in our lives.

**Connection Group Discussion Questions**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What did you place your hope in before Jesus? How did that hope fail you? How have you seen your hopes and affections changed since you were saved?

Read1 Corinthians 15:1-5: In verses 3 and 4 Paul gives the content of the gospel? What is the gospel message?

How crucial is the resurrection to the entire gospel story? Why?

Why is the phrase “in accordance with the Scriptures” so important?

Read Ephesians 1:11-14: What role, according to verse 14, does the Holy Spirit play in our inheritance?

Why is the Holy Spirit the down payment of our inheritance? What kind of certainty is that truth meant to give us?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: Why did Paul stake so much on the historical fact of Jesus’ resurrection? How important is it for today’s Christians to believe Jesus literally rose from the dead?

Who in your life needs to hear about the hope that is found in Christ? How can you share with them this week?