

Sermon Guide

Teaching Series - Living Hope (1 Peter)

Sermon Date - Sunday September 20, 2026

Warm Up Question - What is something you tried that was really hard at first but eventually got easier?

Teaching Text: 1 Peter 1:6-9

Study Questions: (Study questions are meant to support better understanding of the teaching text or encourage further study.)

1. What does Peter say to do in verse 6? What reason does he give for doing it?
2. What type of trials were the recipients of this letter experiencing?
3. According to verse 7, what is the purpose of their trials? Why do you think Peter connects joy with suffering?
4. Why does Peter compare tested faith to gold being refined by fire? What does the comparison communicate?
5. What three things does Peter say about the believers' relationship with Jesus in verse 8?
6. According to verse 8-9, what is the goal or outcome of their faith?

Application Questions: (Application questions are intended to promote conversation on how God is directing us to apply the sermon, either personally or to the group as a whole.)

1. What trials or difficulties are you currently facing? How might you see God use these trials to strengthen your faith?
2. Can you think of a time when a difficult experience strengthened your faith? What have you learned about God and His purposes through previous trials?
3. What does vs 8 mean to you personally? "Though you have not seen him, you love him." How do you envision seeing Jesus face to face will impact your relationship with Him?
4. Who could you encourage this week with the hope found in these verses?
5. Reflect on how God spoke to you through the sermon/teaching passage. Share with the group.

Pray: Take time together to listen to the Spirit's leading and pray God's will for one another.

Bonus: John 20:19-30 "blessed are the who have not seen and yet believe".