

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION - EASTER SUNDAY (1 Peter 1:3-9)

- 1. Have you ever inherited something that is really valuable to you? (The value could be sentimental, doesn't need to be monetary)**
What was this inheritance, and what about it made it so valuable to you?
As you think about your inheritance here, how does it compare to the eternal inheritance that is yours through faith in Jesus?
According to this passage, how is THIS inheritance available to us?
In what ways does Peter encourage us with the security of this inheritance in our lives?
- 2. Early on in this passage, Peter writes that God has "caused us to be born again to a living hope"**
What is different about this "living hope" and all other things in which we might hope?
What makes it "living" and what difference does this hope make for us?
Does this change how we live our lives or how we respond in different circumstances of this life?
- 3. Peter talks about rejoicing, even in the midst of trials if necessary for a little while.**
What is it that is supposed to enable us to rejoice?
How does the understanding of "for a little while" help us to better respond?
How do we rejoice in all circumstances?
What does this look like when we're grieving & going through trials in our lives?
How can we better encourage one another in this way, even when they're faced with trials?
What is the end result of suffering well?
- 4. Below is John 11:25-26 the passage shared for our benediction in the service:**
[25] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26] and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
Jesus poses this question to Martha right before he raises Lazarus (her brother) from the dead.
Take some time to consider - do you believe this, too?
Think about how you live your life, do you live your life in light of this truth?
- 5. What does Peter say is the outcome of our faith? (See verse 9).**
Is there another way for this outcome to be accomplished in our lives?
How does this outcome to be revealed in the future change our lives here and now?
Do you have full confidence that this will be the outcome of your faith?

***If you don't have confidence in this - I'd encourage you to read this passage again and see who's guarding your inheritance and who it is who's caused you to be born again...when you see Who's hand has been involved from the beginning, it should give you total confidence that He can be trusted to finish what He started in you!

6. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

Jesus' Resurrection Provides:

- 1. A living hope that will not & cannot disappoint!**
- 2. An inheritance that is guarded by God's power!**
- 3. A perspective that brings joy even in trials!**
- 4. The salvation that we need now & forevermore!**

7. If you have not confessed your sins to the Lord and repented of them, placed your faith in the finished work of Jesus, & trusted in Him and Him alone for your salvation, I want to encourage you to do so today! Do not wait until tomorrow since none of us are guaranteed our next breath on this earth! "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."

****If you have questions about Jesus or want to talk with somebody about life with Him, please reach out!!**