

## HOPE WINS PART 1 BIBLE APPLICATION

### ETERNAL HOPE

#### GOALS OF THIS LESSON

1. Build up people's hope so they will overcome the thoughts of hopelessness around them
2. Help our groups make a hope commitment to be hope builders with one another
3. Help people receive and experience the assurance, joy, and revelation of eternal hope

#### Key Scriptures that we are covering:

- *"Praise be to God and the 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. To an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you."* (1 Peter 1:3-4)
- *"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."* (Psalms 90:12)
- *"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death."* (Hebrews 2:14-15)
- *"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book."* (Psalms 56:8 NLT)
- *"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."* (1 John 5:13)

#### QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. Have you ever had a very dark and discouraging moment that was suddenly interrupted with hope? What happened? How does light at the end of the tunnel help you?
2. What are some of the ways you can see that the fear of death holds people as prisoners? How was death viewed in your family growing up? How did you learn to look at death?
3. How did the disciples experience of witnessing the resurrection of Jesus free them not only to have peace about their future but power in their present?
4. How has (or you especially would like to allow) Jesus' victory over death impact you today?
  - a. Help you handle in stride the sufferings and disappointments in the world, knowing that at the end of the story we win?
  - b. Help you become more refined in your purpose, able to make the most of your time "on the dash."
  - c. Help you let go of past regrets, betrayals, and injustices that have stolen your hope and joy in life
5. Which of the following can you relate to as a reason for not enjoying the full benefits of the assurance of salvation and your future in Heaven?
  - a. Still thinking that in some way my future standing is based on works not grace
  - b. Not understanding justification, so I fear I've lost my salvation or I'm still unable to forgive myself and be at peace

- c. Seeing “getting saved” as a transaction that happened, not a relationship that is received
  - d. Still worrying about the pain or timing of my death in a way that fear controls me
6. How would you live differently if you fully saw how amazing, stepping into the arms of Jesus in Heaven is going to be?