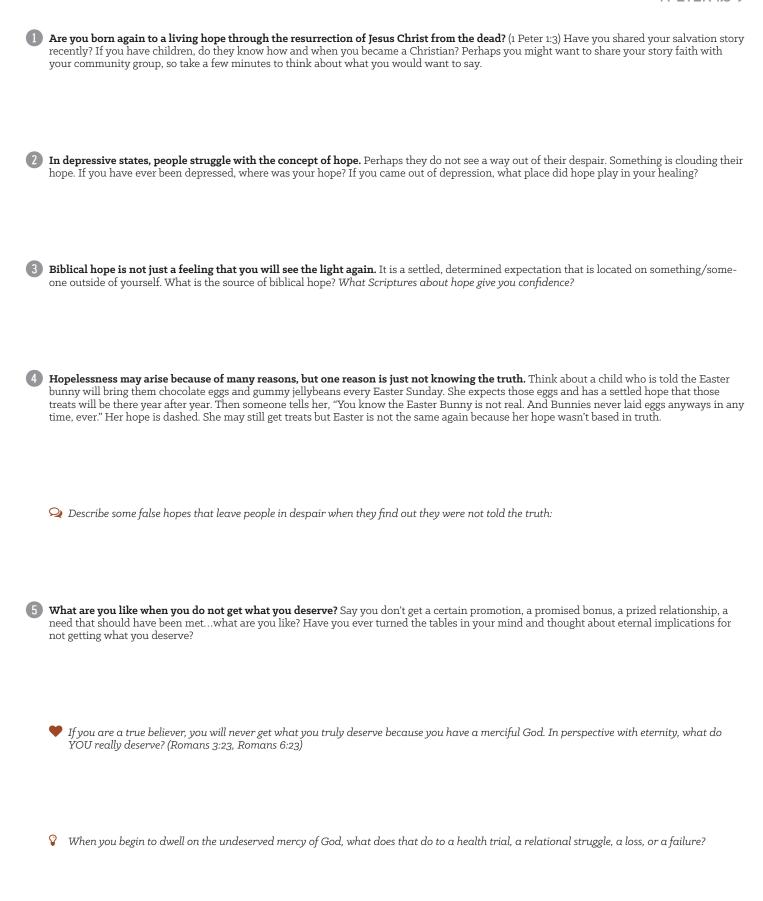
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6	A parallel passage to 1 Peter 1 is Romans 8:3-9. Both passages address waiting for eternal salvation.	
	 What kind of hope for eternal life is described in these passages? What kinds of things help the person who goes through trials endure to the end? What part does sight part does si	play in our hope? What part does
•	timing play in our hope? People who need visual confirmation (I'll believe it when I see it) may struggle with holding on to hope. People who live for instant gratification may also struggle hoping. Good "hoping" mechanisms include a dreaded word—WAITING. But is waiting so bad?	
	Can you think of times in life where God has put you in a holding pattern and taught you to wait? Wha	t were you expecting for the result?
	What role does faith have in maintaining hope?	
	♥ If you are in instant gratification person, what can you pray for or what practices can you put into your life that bring you into healthy waiting? If you are a "see it to believe it person," what practices or truths will help you to hope in a settled future? What insights can you glean from Abraham's life recounted in (Romans 4:13-25)?	
8	Peter believed Jesus was the Messiah. He was the one to say it out loud for all to hear (Matthew 6:15-17). But when it came down to what the Messiah had to do, to die on the cross for sinful man, Peter's hope died. He deserted. He cursed. He wept. He went back to his fishing.	PRAYER REQUESTS
	Has your hope died? Have you deserted? Have you cursed? Have you gone back to worldly goals?	
9	What would need to happen in someone's life if their hope died? How would you counsel them?	
	Peter could not believe the women who said Christ was risen from the dead. He went running to the tomb to see for himself. What would it take for you to believe that Christ is risen and that your hope could be resurrected? Would you believe it if you saw the risen Lord? Friend, if you are a believer you can see the risen Lord every day in his living Word. You have a living hope! You can find life every time you seek the Lord through His Word by the power of the Spirit. If you are struggling to hope, please seek out someone who can lead you to a living hope and to a love that will never end. If you are a believer, go hard after Christ and you will hope again.	