

Unshakeable Hope!
Text: 1 Peter 1:3-5
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Big Idea: God offers you unshakeable hope through Jesus, but you must believe in Him.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4

- a) What is biblical hope? How is it different from worldly hope?
- b) Why is our hope a 'living hope'?
- c) Why is abounding in hope to be one of the greatest distinctions of a follower of Christ?

God offers you unshakeable hope guaranteed...

Point 1: Through MIND-BLOWING MERCY (vv. 3-4)

Question: The hope of God is a gift from God. Will you depend on His great mercy?

Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 3-4:** What does the term "mercy" mean in verse 3?
- b) Why should this truth, no matter the circumstance, lead us to bless the Lord?
- c) Take some time individually and as a group to praise God for His great mercy towards you.

Question #6

Mind-Blowing Mercy...New Life! (v. 3)

Note: Please use your fruit to root diagram for the following questions.

- What does it mean to have a new life in Jesus? Use Scripture to support your answers.
- What parts of your new life do you struggle the most to believe are yours in Christ? Why those?
- What are some fruits that surface through your unbelief in those areas?
- What lie(s) are you believing in those moments?
- What idol is that the root of those actions?
- What gospel promise(s) must you replace the worldly root with in order to live out your new life in Christ? Spend time in prayer for one another for those areas.

Question #7

Mind-Blowing Mercy...New Inheritance! (vv. 3-4)

- Describe the unshakeable inheritance that is waiting for every believer.
- How should your guaranteed inheritance fuel you to live courageously for Christ today?
- Spend time in prayer for one another asking the Lord for a deepening faith to live with an eternal perspective like this.

Point 2: Through **FORTIFIED FAITH** (v. 5)

Question: Jesus sustains our faith until our hope becomes sight. Will you believe in Him?

Question #8

- Rd. v. 5:** What does it mean that believer's are being guarded by God's power through faith?
- What are some things God has given us to grow our faith in Him by His power?
- What is one step you can take this week to grow in one or more of those things?
- Spend time praying for one another for these things.

Question #9

- What is the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last days?
- How should this truth lead each believer to living with fervency, courage and hope in their lives?
- How awesome is Jesus?!?!?!? Happy Easter Loved Ones!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- REVERENCE** before God: Jesus, I worship You because You _____.
- HUMILITY** before God: Jesus, I confess i) Taking your mercy for granted when_____. ii) My unbelief in the hope You have given me when_____.
- THANKSGIVING**: Jesus, thank You for raising to life to give me_____.
- SUPPLICATION** to God: Jesus, I ask for: i) Greater dependence on your mercy in_____. ii) To live with unshakeable hope when_____. iii) Faith to praise You in the trial of_____.

Memory Verse:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

-1 Peter 1:3

