

Closing scripture & prayer led by Ray Stanyon

*Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise.*

Hebrews 10.23

Thoughts you might want to consider after the Bible study meeting:

+ Imagine someone asks you “who is Peter?” In two minutes, how would you introduce Peter to this person?

+ What is your attitude when you face difficulties in life? Do you hear anything in these readings to encourage you?

## Seeds of Hope



Lent Bible Study Group 2021

Session 4: Living in Hope

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## Seeds of Hope Lent Group

Week 4: Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 *Living in Hope*

Welcome & Prayer led by Karen

Introduction to the letters

Scripture texts: 1 Peter 1: 3 – 12 Hebrews 6: 17 -20

- Who wrote these letters?
- What similarities and differences do you see between the extracts we have heard here?
- Are there any verses in these readings that confuse you?
- Do any of these things, written thousands of year ago, apply today?
- Who are the ones who have “preached the gospel to you?”

Discussion points:

The 1 Peter reading in particular:

- What is our living hope? Why is it called a “living” hope?
- What made this hope possible?
- Do you have the kind of inexpressible joy mentioned in verse 8? Why or why not? How can we get more of this kind of joy?
- We know far more about Christ than the prophets did. What is the lesson for us?

The Hebrews reading in particular:

- The writer of Hebrews has a unique way of describing who Jesus was. Hebrews is the only book in the New Testament where Jesus is called the great high priest. For the Jews who would have been reading this, the notion of Jesus being the great high priest would have been just plain wrong. Because, for the Jews, being a priest was a family thing. It was reserved for the Levites, and Jesus wasn't a Levite. That wasn't the family he belonged to, so how could anyone say that he was a priest?
- Who's Melchizedek? Why is he mentioned here?

*A seed of hope*

*Hope frees us to live in the present with joyous rebellion against all that keeps life from being what God intends it to be.*

*(Christine Vladimiroff OSB)*

