

BIG IDEA

Hope in God begins when you have seen enough of yourself.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

How would the typical person explain the concept of hope?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What kind of hope does Peter describe in this passage?

Based on this passage, how does the resurrection change the way we understand difficult times?

How is the hope we have in Jesus different than the typical understanding of “hope” in our culture?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Is it easy for you to accept the hope that God offers through Jesus? Explain your answer.

Read Colossians 2:13-14. How would you summarize this passage?

How does this passage influence the way that you think about your past mistakes?

How does it influence the way you think about your present situation?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read Ephesians 2: 1-10 with the following question in mind: *Which of these verses impacts you the most?*

What difference *should* this verse make in the way you live?

What difference does it *actually* make?

In what ways have you been looking to yourself for life change?

How is God leading you to depend on Him in this area?

