



Our Living Hope

Genesis 8:10-12; Romans 8:20-21; 1 Peter 1:3
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¹⁰ He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹ When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. ¹² He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him. – Genesis 8:10-12

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. – Romans 8:20-21

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” – 1 Peter 1:3

Discussion Guide:

1. Was there anything in your life that you waited for a long time? Share to the group how that wait ended.
2. What else in your life are you waiting for? Is there anything that you are looking forward to?
3. “You look forward by looking backward, trusting in nothing other than God’s character.” How does this statement apply to your life?
4. By what Jesus has done for you, what are the promises that we can hope for to be fulfilled? How can other people have this living hope?

The Apostle Peter said that Jesus’ resurrection opened up a “living hope” that people can be reborn to become new and different kinds of humans.