

Discussion Guide for Living Hope: Part 1

1. Read John 20:1-18 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: Jesus' resurrection confirms that His sacrifice for our sin was accepted by God the Father and that the opportunity to be adopted in the family of God by faith in Him is open.

Read Ephesians 1:3-6

What are God's affections around His decision to adopt us?

How far back does this passage say we were chosen and predestined to be adopted children of God?

With all that the Father had on His mind, how does it make you feel that He was thinking of you personally way back then?

Scanning further into Ephesians 1, what are the blessings of being God's adopted children in v.7 and v.9?

What are the blessings of being God's adopted children in v.11 and v.13?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in our present time of waiting for our future family reunion and inheritance?

Read Romans 8:12-17

What adoption related assurances does the Holy Spirit give us as we walk with Him?

Of what value is the feeling "Father, I know I am yours."

At what times have you experience this "Father, I know I am yours" feeling most intensely?