

Discussion Guide for Living Hope: Part 2

1. Read John 20:24-31 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 the opportunity to be adopted in the family of God true and the blessing is for all who have faith taking God at His word.

Read Ephesians 1:3-13

-What are the blessings of being God's adopted children in v.7 and v.9-10? What are the blessings 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?

Read Hebrews 11:1-3

-How is faith required for to taking God's word about the past (Creation to Acts)?

-What parts of God's word do you find unbelievable outside of faith?

Read Hebrews 11:7

-How does faith required for to taking God's word about the future?

-How was Noah's faith demonstrated as he waited for the promise of God?

-What advantage did Noah have regarding the promise God made for his future?

-What promises has God made for our future that require faith?