

DIGGING DEEPER



Series: New Year's Message
Sermon: Hope For a New Year
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-4

GETTING STARTED

Discuss how Christians should take a different approach to adversity than unbelievers based upon the hope we have in Christ.

BIBLE STUDY

1. 1 Peter was written to “scattered saints” (1 Peter 1:1). Why would it be that these believers were particularly receptive to a message centered on the topic of hope?
 - What does that say about our need to be in the Word during difficult times in our lives?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What do these verses say that would give readers (then and now) a reason to be hopeful?
3. Read the following verses and describe how the events described give rise to hope for the person or people involved:

Luke 1:26-38 (Mary)

Luke 2:8-15 (The shepherds)

Luke 2:29-32 (Simeon)

4. In what ways is the inheritance mentioned in 1 Peter 1:4:
 - Permanent?
 - Preserved?
 - Personal?

APPLY IT

Take a concordance and find verses related to “hope”. Which ones speak especially to you? Write those specific verses down on 3x5 cards, and keep them handy for reference when you feel down or hopeless.

- Choose at least one or two of these verses to memorize.