

Getting Started

What are your favorite memories of Easter? What parts of our Easter celebrations continue to bring you joy?

We're now a week (at least) removed from Easter. Has the joy stayed with you? Why or why not?

Into the Bible

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 and answer these questions:

From what has God given us a *new birth*? (See Ephesians 2:1 for a hint.)

Why do you suppose Peter describes the hope we have as *living*? What would be the alternative? A *dead* hope? What would *that* look like?

How did we come to this new birth and living hope?

What's more important: that Jesus died or that He rose again? Why did you answer like you did?

What promise is wrapped up in the word *inheritance*? Why did Peter need to describe our Christian inheritance as *never perishing, spoiling, or fading*? What can happen to human inheritances that Peter is contrasting our divine inheritance with?

How does suffering grief and trial prove the genuineness of faith?

Digging Deeper

Liturgically, the church does not celebrate Easter as a single day, but as a week of weeks, that is seven Sundays in a row. And, the church has always viewed every Sunday as a *little Easter*. What can you do to keep the excitement of Easter going every week when you come to church?

How do you cultivate joy when the trials of life and the simple grind of everyday are beating you into the ground?