

Counter Culture Week 3

Main Idea

To live counterculturally, we need to know how to find our hope in Jesus.

Starter

Who is the most hopeful person you know? What is it about them makes them hopeful?

Discuss

What is one way Jesus has given you hope during a difficult circumstance in your life?

Scripture

This week, encourage your group to start the Bible discussion by reading [1 Peter 1:3-9](#) on their own and make some observations. (5-10 minutes)

- Write down as many observations as you can find about what this passage says about the hope we have in Christ. See if you can write down at least 5 different observations.
 - As a group, have everyone share one or two of their observations until you get to 10 different truths as a group. (They can't be the same as the person that shared before.)
 - *Leader tip: Don't let people share personal applications yet. Emphasize that we are discussing observations about the text.*
- Discuss:
 - How does this passage encourage or challenge you to find your hope in Jesus?
 - If someone observed your life during the last week, how would they say you could grow in finding your hope in Jesus? What is something instead of Jesus they would say you look to for hope?

Have someone read [1 Peter 5:6-11](#) and discuss:

- What does it look like for you to cast your anxieties on Christ during this season of your life?

Encourage your group with the power of the Gospel. God knows our concerns, anxieties, and fears. Jesus came to show us how much God loves us and gave us His power to find a hope that is unshakeable. Rather than getting stuck in our problems and trying to control our circumstances, Jesus invites us to cast our concerns on Him—to find His strength when we are weak, so we don't face our difficulties alone.

Apply

Before you close in prayer, have everyone share:

- One way they need to find their hope in Christ this week.
- One step they could take to bring the hope of Christ to someone else.

Spend time praying together as the Holy Spirit leads.