

Introduction:

Every fall, Cokesbury spends a few weeks exploring our core values: Love God, Love People, and Share Hope. Together, we'll look at what each one means for us as followers of Jesus and as his church.

Scripture:

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

– 1 Peter 1:3-9



Discussion Questions:

1. When have you seen sharing make a real difference? When might sharing not be wise or appropriate?

2. Think of a time when someone shared their time, words, or resources with you. How did it change you?

3. How would you define hope? What is your hope right now?

4. Who has shared hope with you? What did they say or do?

5. What are some simple ways to share hope with others?

6. “A hope shared is a hope multiplied.” Where have you seen this happen?

7. Who in your life needs to know they are loved? What keeps you from telling them?

8. Do the people closest to you know you love them? How do they know?

9. Where could you share hope this week? Name one person and one action.