

Hope When It's Hard

Week 1

BRBC Groups

April 19, 2020

Scripture

1 Peter 1:1-9

Ice Breaker

1. *What are some ways people try to find themselves or find their identity?*

Going Deeper

1. *Read 1 Peter 1:1-9*
2. *In what sense are "God's elect, strangers in the world"?*
3. *For what purpose does Peter say people are chosen?*
4. *In this section, what are the various ways Peter says believers have a special identity in Christ?*
5. *Think through what this means. What can be the effects in our lives of embracing or failing to embrace these truths about who we are?*
6. *Peter says in verses 6 and 7 that suffering, and trials benefit our faith. How does and doesn't that make sense?*
7. *What does Peter say are Christians' reasons for joy?*
8. *Why is it sometimes hard to have hope?*
9. *What does it mean to have a new birth in a living hope?*
10. *Why do you think Peter uses the term living in describing hope?*
11. *In the message Rob suggested praying, reading scripture and sharing with others as ways to encourage hope in your life. What other ideas do you have to hold onto hope when it is hard?*

