### **Living Hope** 1 Peter 1:1-9

What's True in the Bible?

The resurrection gives us a promising future

1. It will never

1 Peter 1:4 - imperishable

2. It will never 1 Peter 1:4 - undefiled

3. It will never

1 Peter 1:4 – unfading

#### What's Real in my life?

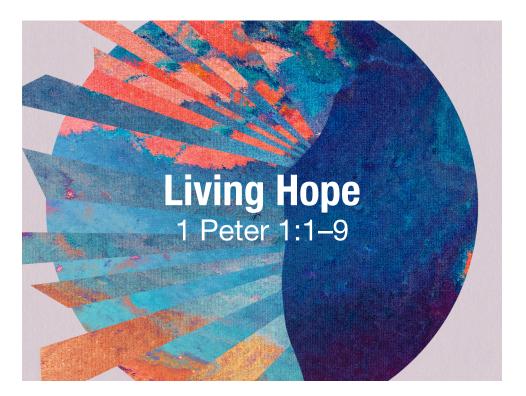
- How am I like the exiles/strangers in 1 Peter 1:1?
- Have current circumstances given me a new longing for hope? How so?
- Where am I tempted to look for hope?

#### What's Next?

- Choose to rejoice now for what God has done. (1 Peter 1:3, 7–9)
- Set your mind on heaven, not on earth. (Colossians 3:1–4)



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# Grace Community Church exists to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.



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### **Welcome to Grace**

HE IS RISEN! We are so glad you are here to celebrate Christ's resurrection with us.

We have a strong desire to know and experience God's love. It is God's love for us which, in turn, inspires us to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.

If you're a guest with us, we would love to hear from you! Go to *gcc-online.org* and click the green button that says *Connect With Us* and tell us how we can serve you or pray for you. We would love to have you join us every Sunday at 9:00 or 10:45am!

If you have any questions or want more information about who we are and what we do, please take some time to browse our website at *gcc-online.org*.

### **Connect With Us**



# **Download the Church Center App**

The Church Center app is your one-stop place to update your contact information, register and pay for events, and give to the Lord at Grace.

**Next step:** Download the Church Center app in your app store and select us as your church. Find more details and step-by-step instructions at *gcc-online.org/app*.

### Next Steps with Grace



#### April 11 | 12:15pm | Fireside Room

If you are new—or simply interested in learning more about Grace—Starting Point is a great opportunity to take your first next step in growing with God and with Grace. We will even feed you lunch and take care of your kids for free!

**Your next step:** Let us know you are planning on coming at *gcc-online.org/events*, or simply show up!

## Giving to the LORD at Grace

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's provision for us. You can give at *gcc-online.org*, in the Church Center app, or at one of the baskets by the exits of the Worship Center and Fireside Room.

**Statistics from March 28** Worship Attendance: 501 Peak Online Attendance: 70 devices General Offering: \$9,441 **Fiscal year as of February 28** Income: \$136,408 Expenses: \$127,325 Budget: \$168,954









### Life at Grace

#### April 11 | 10:45am-1:00pm | Activity Center

Although we aren't able to send a team down to Children's Haven International in Mexico this year, we still want to send a love offering! We will have a deluxe tostada lunch as a fundraiser to support the building of a playground to help them reach the community around them.

**Your next step:** Join us for lunch and contribute or order a to-go meal at *gcc-online.org/events*.

#### April 11 | During Both Services | Worship Center

We will hold a confirmation vote for Paul Friesen, our current candidate for the Board of Elders. We will need at least 165 members participating in the vote. Nonmembers are encouraged to submit a ballot, but will not be included in the final tally.

**Your next step:** Be present for the vote at either service, or vote online at *gcc-online.org/elders*.

#### April 11 | 9:00–10:15am | B200/202

Jeff Reimer is teaching a new class called Christian Responses to Modern Culture. In this class, we will explore the way it has become normal to define our identity apart from God and how we can bear witness to a different way.

**Your next step:** Plan to join the class next Sunday at 9:00am.

We are in the process of hiring both a Student Ministry Pastor and a Pastor of Connection & Care. We have had a couple rounds of interviews and have several promising candidates. Currently, the elders and search teams are praying to discern the right men to join our team.

**Your next step:** Please pray for clarity and unity as the elders and search teams discern God's direction.

### **For More Information**

There are many opportunities for you to get connected and involved here at Grace! For more details, take some time to browse *gcc-online.org*. (We especially recommend checking out the **Upcoming Events** page!)