



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Easter Sunday 17 April 2022

1. Why do you think the resurrection of Jesus was so influential in the lives of Jesus' disciples?
2. How did Jesus' resurrection change them?

Please read 1Peter 1.3-4

If Jesus remained dead – Christian Hope dies with him. It would prove he was a fake and had no hope to offer us - nothing but a deceitful lie. But his resurrection changes everything.

3. Peter describes their experience of believing and following Jesus like receiving a 'new birth' into a 'Living hope'? How do you relate to this description?

Please read 1Peter 1.8-9

V8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Read also 1 John 4.18-19

One of the great HOPES for people everywhere is that somehow, somewhere we will experience true love – the kind of love that is life-affirming, life-inspiring, life-changing. Where we can be safe, cherished and accepted for who we are, and loved unconditionally. As we all know – no human love is capable of carrying the weight of that load. Nor was it intended to do so. Rather, we're all designed to be able to enjoy the one love that is fit for that purpose - the love of our Father in Heaven. His love allows all other loves to flourish, rather than be crushed under the weight of expectations and hopes that only God's love can carry. Through Jesus, this hope lives!

4. How do you relate to this paragraph about love?
5. How does Jesus open up the way for us to know and experience the love of God?
6. Why do you love Jesus? How do you show it?

V8 And even though you do not see him now, you believe in him

Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote, "The mystery of human existence lies not in just living, but in finding something to live for."

Because Jesus Lives - the hope of having something truly meaningful to live for also lives! Jesus came to show us that there was truth and meaning and purpose in life. He came to open our eyes to see things as they really are – and to invite us to join with him in living an enlightened and purposeful life in relationship with our Good Shepherd.

7. How do you relate to this paragraph about finding purpose in life through belief in Jesus?
8. Why does entering into the love of God and the purpose of God bring us hope and joy (not necessarily happiness)?