



1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, **5** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Ephesians 1:18-20 I pray that the eyes of

your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **19** and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength **20** he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

Icebreaker

What is your secret or “useless” talent?

Conversation Starters

Hope

- How would you describe hope?
 - How do you define hope?
 - What is always present where hope is found?
 - Brian defined hope as the confident expectation of a positive future reality. What do you think about this definition?
1. Share a time in your life where you lost hope? What did you do?
 2. Share a place in your life right now where you know you need hope?
 3. What do you imagine it looks like to thrive in hard times? Make a list together.
 4. Brian suggested we live for two days.
 - a. **We live for this day.** What is eliminated if you live mainly for this day? What gets in the way?
 - b. **We live for the day when we stand before God and all his glory is revealed.** How does living for the day we stand fear and without fear before the entire glory of God affect this day?
 5. Does the promise of ‘living hope’ inspire your walk with Jesus? Have you thought of hope as a

heavenly inheritance? Can we make a withdrawal from our heavenly inheritance to use in this present day? Could this idea help fuel your faith?