# We Will Thrive

When Our Hearts Turn Towards Jesus (week 2) LifeNotes



#### Main Idea

We will thrive when our hearts turn towards Jesus.

# **Key Scriptures**

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart. 1 Peter 1:13-21 ESV

# What does it look like to have a heart turned towards Jesus?

- 1. Faith that leads to action.
- 2. Hope that never fades.
- 3. Love that sacrifices for others.

#### Start talking.

- What's your favorite movie speech?
- Who's your favorite Church hero of history? Why?

#### Start thinking.

- Pastor Ryan mentioned that the only true command in the passage is found in 1 Peter 1:13, as we set our fully on the grace available to us in Jesus. Why are we so prone to focus on actions first instead of hope?
- Read Romans 8:28-30. Why do we struggle with this truth?
- How are faith, hope, and love countercultural values right now?

#### Start sharing.

- How is it hard for you to maintain hope in this season?
- Which of these is the hardest for you? Faith, hope, or love?

## Start doing.

- What would it look like to, by faith, focus on the hope available to you in the grace of Jesus?
- How can you rejoice in all circumstances?
- Where can you put the needs of others before your own?

### Closing prayer.

Father, I'm thankful that your desire for us is that we don't just survive difficult moments; no, your desire is for us to thrive. Help us to focus fully on the hope that's available to us in the grace brought by Jesus. I pray that our lives would be marked by faith, hope, and love. Faith that leads to action, hope that never fades, and love that sacrifices for others. More than anything, I pray that Jesus would be glorified in our lives in this season.