

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

1. All of creation points to an all-powerful Creator.

Romans 1:20; Psalm 8:3-5

2. The One who is a promise maker is a promise keeper.

Psalm 33:6-9; Matthew 8:5-10; Matthew 8:13

Reason is knowing God has made promises.

Faith is believing God will keep his promises.

Hope leads us to build our lives upon his promises.

3. Our hope must be a firsthand discovery, not a secondhand story.

2 Peter 1:3-4

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Big Idea:

God is a promise maker and a promise keeper. The question is not will God keep his promises, but, will we build our lives upon them?

Open Up:

Has anyone ever asked you why you believe what you believe?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ What would you say if someone asked you why you believe?
- ▶ What would make a believer stand out enough for someone to ask them why they are different?
- ▶ Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. What are some promises that every believers can build his or her life on?
- ▶ Why would it be helpful for you to share your firsthand discovery journey with others?
- ▶ On a scale of 1-10 what is your hope level at right now at the start of this series?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

What is your Now Story that is, or will be, a firsthand discovery?

Who will you share your journey with?

Close together in prayer.