The Gift of Hope

Pastor Mark Wilks, 1 Peter 1:3-13

- 1. We have a living hope.
 - Do you have a gap in your gospel?
 - The word mercy is connected to the <u>commitment love of God</u>.
 - Our inheritance is <u>present and future</u>.
- 2. Our trials are an opportunity for deeper joy.
 - Why are there trials? In order to <u>produce</u> in you what you could not <u>achieve</u> on your own.
 - What we want most is the grace of release or relief.
 - What we need more is the grace of <u>refinement</u>.
- 3. The goal is that we <u>realize Jesus is worthy of praise</u>.
 - Everything God is doing in your life is being done for the glory of His son.
 - In trials, we realize salvation has <u>built in joy</u>.

Application:

• When the heat gets turned up remember the <u>hand on the thermostat has a hole in it</u>.