

Discussion Guide for "A New Hope"

Don't Go There! Week 3

We are a nation of rebels, in a world of rebellion. We've all chosen our way, our vision of the good life, at the cost of someone else, on both personal and national levels. And when we stop to consider the fate of rebels in our world, the picture isn't pretty. But Peter's explanation of the meaning of a miraculous healing reveals good news: God has launched a counter-rebellion against humanity, one that means life and hope for both the rebels and the Empire. In God's new world, everyone gets life!

Scriptures for Further Reading

Genesis 3:1-19
Psalm 4
Luke 24:36-48
Acts 3:12-19
Romans 5:6-11
1 John 3:1-7

Questions for Discussion

- 1. Do you consider yourself rebellious? Why are we fascinated by rebellion stories?
- 2. Share some examples of good rebellion. Share some examples of bad rebellion. Why is rebellion so complicated?
- 3. Reread Acts 3:12-19. According to Peter, what is the big miracle in this story? Do you agree?
- 4. How is Jesus' resurrection good news for the rebels and the Empire?
- 5. What does it look like for you to participate in God's counter-rebellion this week?