

Life Group Discussion Guide

Exiles in Our Land: Standing as God's People with God's People
Week 2: Prophets, Angels, and You • 1 Peter 1:10-21

Read **1 Peter 1:10-21** together. Focus on recurring themes, words, and phrases. As you reflect on this passage and Pastor Jon's message, what are your initial impressions or takeaways? What stood out to you most?

The Value of the Message

1 Peter 1:10-12 Peter highlights the preciousness of the gospel, which was prophesied long ago by the prophets and deeply desired to be understood by angels. The gospel message is not new, but it is something of great value that has been revealed to believers. Peter urges the exiles to understand how valuable the gospel is in their lives, a treasure that prophets longed to see fulfilled.

- Why is it important for us to recognize the connection between the Old Testament prophets and the gospel we now have?
- What role do the Holy Spirit and prophecy play in revealing the gospel to us (v. 11-12)?
- Why do you think the gospel is described as something even angels long to understand (v. 12)?

The Content of Our Hope

1 Peter 1:13-16 Peter calls believers to set their hope fully on the grace to be revealed when Christ returns. This hope is not a vague desire but a confident expectation based on God's promises. With minds prepared for action, believers are called to live holy lives, reflecting the holiness of God. Our hope is not just future-oriented but shapes our present conduct.

- Peter tells us to "set our hope fully on the grace to be revealed." Why is it so hard for us to rely fully on God's grace instead of our own efforts?
- Peter urges us not to conform to our old ways of ignorance. Why do we often revert to old habits, and how does this reveal our need for God's ongoing work in us?
- What does it mean to live a holy life as Peter commands in v. 15-16?

The Life of an Exile

1 Peter 1:17-21 Peter reminds the exiles that their time on earth is temporary and should be lived with a sense of reverence and accountability to God. Believers are called to live as sojourners who fear God, knowing they were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. This redemption calls for a distinct life marked by reverence for God, not the world.

- What does it mean to live in "reverent fear" of God as sojourners on this earth (v. 17)?
- Why is it important that Peter contrasts the "perishable things" with Christ's blood when discussing our redemption?
- Pastor Jon said, "The severity of the remedy shows us the severity of the disease." Why is it significant that our redemption was purchased at such a high cost? How does that change the way we view our worth in God's eyes versus what the world tells us?

Your Life Will Match Your Hope

The theme of hope and how it affects life choices and actions continues as Peter shows that the hope believers have in Christ should be reflected in how they live. A life lived in alignment with this hope is one of holiness, purpose, and reverence.

- What does it mean for us, as part of the Church, to live in exile with a shared hope and purpose?
- Peter says Christ was chosen before the foundation of the world. How does knowing God's plan was set before creation help us trust that He is in control, even when we feel like we're not?

