

SMALL GROUP / STUDY GUIDE

SCRIPTURE

Read 1 Peter 1:10–12

KEY TRUTH

Our living hope is built on promises God has already kept.

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

(What does the passage say?)

What did the prophets search and inquire about?

According to verse 11, who was speaking through the prophets?

What two aspects of Christ's mission did the prophets predict?

Who announced the good news to Peter's readers?

How does Peter describe the angels' interest in salvation?

INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS

(What does the passage mean?)

Why did the prophets search carefully into the things they had prophesied?

What does the phrase “the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow” reveal about God's plan for the Messiah?

What does Peter mean when he says the prophets were serving future generations?

Why does Peter emphasize that even angels long to look into these things?

How would these truths encourage Christians suffering for their faith?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

(What does this mean for us?)

INVESTIGATE YOUR QUESTIONS

Have you ever wondered whether Christianity is really true?

Why is honest investigation different from simply suppressing or surrendering to doubt?

What questions about Jesus, Scripture, or Christianity do you need to explore more carefully?

Who could help you investigate those questions honestly?

ANCHOR YOUR HOPE

When life becomes difficult, are your circumstances shaping your view of God, or is God's faithfulness shaping your view of your circumstances?

How does God's fulfillment of His promises in Jesus give you confidence in the promises still awaiting fulfillment?

Where do you currently need to trust God's promise even though you do not understand His process?

What has God already done that you can anchor yourself to when your feelings are uncertain?

RECOVER YOUR WONDER

The prophets searched for this salvation, generations waited for it, and angels long to look into it. Why do we sometimes become casual about what we have received?

What part of the gospel has become overly familiar to you?

How should the fulfillment of God's promises affect the way you listen to and respond to Scripture?

What would it look like to live this week with renewed gratitude for your salvation?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Take a moment and ask:

Is my hope in Jesus grounded in what God has done, or controlled by how I currently feel?

Is there a doubt I need to investigate rather than ignore?

Have I lost my wonder at the salvation I have received?

Where is God asking me to trust His proven faithfulness?

PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK

Remember God's faithfulness.

Choose one clear Old Testament promise about the Messiah and read its fulfillment in the New Testament. Write down what it reveals about God's faithfulness.

Then identify one situation in your life that feels uncertain and pray:

"God, I do not understand everything You are doing, but I trust You because You have proven faithful."

PRAYER

Jesus,

Thank You for fulfilling the promises God revealed through the prophets. When our circumstances are uncertain and our feelings are shaken, help us anchor our hope in what You have already done. Give us courage to investigate our questions honestly, faith to trust Your promises, and fresh wonder at the salvation we have received. Teach us to live with open hands because You are faithful.

Amen.