

## **I. SERMON SLIDES**

Title:

Born of the Word of God

I Peter 1:10-12, 22-25

I Peter 1:10-12 (ESV)

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

I Peter 1:22-25 (ESV)

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

## **II. GROUP DISCUSSION**

1) Read I Peter 1:10-25.

What do you see in this text? What stands out to you? Is there anything to apply within the text?

2) Explore and discuss these ideas that expound on the illustration of Word as Seed:

a) It must be real seed from God

- b) It must break in to germinate
- c) It must happen but may not be clear when it did happen

What other ideas give light to concept?

3) The Word of God is to be understood as The Story. What is that Story? How does that differ from all other religious or self-help books? What can go wrong when we think of the Bible as "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth?"

4) Jesus said that He came to for the "weary and heavy burdened." He said that he came to give our souls "rest."  
What must the Bible be about for that to be true?

5) Why do you think the angels are obsessed with watching salvation unfold to God's children?

6) Prayer and Praise