

# If You Only Knew

I Peter 1:10–16

## I. REALIZE: What we have in Christ

The Prophets Studied It

The Preachers Preached It

The Angels Yearned to Look at It

## 2. REALIZE: How We Need to Respond to Christ

Be Focused

Be Obedient

Be Holy

Conclusion



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

## Group Questions

1. What is something you would change from your past if you knew then what you know now?

### Read I Peter 1:9–16

2. Peter says in verse 9 that the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls. How valuable is salvation in the everyday life of a Christian? How easy is it to forget that salvation is a valuable thing in life? What are some things that can keep us from valuing our salvation?

### Read Isaiah 52:13–53:12

3. Do you think Isaiah longed for the coming Messiah and what it meant for people? How was Isaiah able to speak this way about the Messiah? (Read 2 Pet 1:21)

4. Peter affirms that the salvation his readers have is something that prophets and even angels longed to figure out. How could this perspective help believers stand strong when trials and obstacles come their way?

5. Why is “preparing our minds” the starting point for living out the life that Christ has called us to live? (Read Rom 12:1–2)

6. How can setting our hope on God’s grace help maintain our focus during difficult times?

7. Why is obedience so important in the life of a Christian? How can knowing how Christ was obedient to his father help us be obedient? (Read Lk 22:30–42; Phil 2:5–8)

8. What would describe someone who was truly living a life that looked like Jesus?

### Reflect

9. How does Peter’s call to holiness challenge you at home? Work? Community? Church?

### Next Steps

- I need the salvation that is only available through Jesus Christ.
- I am so thankful for what I have in Jesus Christ.
- I will live with the understanding that my faith is of utmost importance.
- Based on what Christ has done, I will focus my attention fully on following Jesus.