

## DEVOTIONAL GUIDE | May 9 - 13, 2022

### 1 Peter 1:10-12

#### DAY ONE | Understand Their Story

This week we're focusing on 1 Peter 1:10-12. But first, read through 1 Peter 1:3-12 to capture Peter's train of thought, and make note of any words that are repeated. Write down any questions you have after reading it through once.

There are 2 main human characters mentioned. Today we'll look at who inspired them:

- The prophets refer to most of the writers of what we now call the Old Testament. Who inspired their prophecies and indicated the "what" and "when" of those prophecies (v 11)?
  - Read 2 Peter 1:16-21 → How does Peter go on to explain where prophecies come from?
    - How are you challenged or encouraged by his warning in v19-20?
- Who inspired the preachers and apostles (v12)?

*\*Note: the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit are referring to the same person of the Trinity.*

*Pray today in adoration that we now have the entire Bible, both the Old + New Testament, in our own language, for us to understand who God is and who we are.*

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#### DAY TWO | Understand Their Story

Read 1 Peter 1:10-12 again. Today, we'll focus on the activities of the characters we looked at yesterday.

- The prophets:
  - Who were they prophesying for? What were they prophesying about?
  - What did they have to do regarding the grace they prophesied about (v10)?
    - How does this differ from what you assumed prophesying looked like?
- The apostles:
  - What did they announce? (hint: look back at v3-9)
  - Who did they announce it to?

*Pray today in thanksgiving that you have heard the good news and received salvation. If you have not yet received this salvation, repent and believe this good news that changes everything!*

### **DAY THREE** | Connect to His Story

Read 1 Peter 1:10-12. Today we'll consider some of the "predictions of Christ's sufferings and subsequent glories" in the Old Testament.

- Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12 - Write a list of all the kinds of suffering the Messiah would have to endure. According to 53:10-13, why did the Messiah have to suffer?
  - How does this encourage or challenge you today?
- Read Mark 8:31 - What did Jesus himself predict would have to happen?

*Pray today in adoration and thanksgiving for all that Jesus suffered on our behalf to make us right with God.*

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### **DAY FOUR** | Connect to His Story

Reread 1 Peter 1:10-12. Have some of your questions from Day 1 been answered?

- Read Luke 24:13-27,44 → Who does Jesus point to as predicting His sufferings and glory? What does Jesus then go on to teach the 2 disciples (v27)?
  - "Moses + all the Prophets" refers to our Old Testament. Do you think of the Old Testament as being inspired by the Spirit, and all about Jesus?
- Read John 14:26, 15:26 → In addition to inspiring the writing of Scripture, what else does the Holy Spirit do?
  - Jesus helped his disciples understand Scripture, and now we have "the Spirit of Christ." What does this mean for us now?

*Pray today in supplication, asking God to continue to grow in you a love and thirst for ALL of Scripture, and an understanding to see the beauty of Jesus from Genesis to Revelation.*

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## **DAY FIVE | Apply to your Story**

For the last time this week, reread 1 Peter 1:10-12.

- Salvation: how can you praise God for the grace that's now yours, and the salvation that you now enjoy?
- Scripture: consider how the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of Scripture to "search and inquire carefully" as to who this Christ would be, and accurately reveal the good news. Does your life reflect a submission to the authority of God as revealed in all of this Scripture?
- Suffering: review your list of Christ's predicted sufferings in Isaiah. Suffering is also to be expected for those who follow Christ. How does this challenge or comfort you today?

*Pray today in worship for the salvation you enjoy, the Scripture you've received, and the suffering you will encounter.*