



WEST HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

Facilitators' Guide for Community Groups **Strangers & Exiles**

"The Prophets' Longing for Our Salvation"

1 Peter 1:10-12

October 6

1. Welcome (an ice-breaker discussion to get everyone comfortable with sharing):

Pumpkin Spice – a favourite or not? Have you ever tried it and if so, connected to what food or drink? If not a fan, what would be your go-to flavour?

2. Worship (to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion):

Sing together, "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

<https://youtu.be/Oibli1rz7mw?si=qDKdfNEIDBhndxrc>

3. Word (to consider how the sermon applies to our lives, and to live out the "one anothers"):

Read together: 1 Peter 1:10-12

Sermon Summary

The Sermon explored how the prophets of the Old Testament served future generations, including us today, by prophesying the coming of Christ. Peter emphasizes that the prophets carefully searched the Scriptures, guided by the Spirit of Christ, predicting both Christ's sufferings and His future glory. This rich salvation story, seen throughout the Bible, points to Jesus, who fulfills God's redemptive plan. Despite suffering, believers are incredibly blessed to live in a time when Christ's life, death, and resurrection have been revealed. The sermon led is into communion, a reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us.

Sermon Questions

1. Based on 1 Peter 1:10–12, what do we learn about the role of the prophets in our life and salvation? How does this change or inform how we read the Old Testament?
2. What is it precisely about the "good news" (1 Peter 1:12) that fulfills the prophets' prediction of "the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories"?
3. How can knowing that God's plan for salvation was unfolding over centuries help us trust Him more in our present circumstances?
4. Peter mentions that the gospel was preached to us by those "who preached the good news by the Holy Spirit." In what ways can we be more intentional about relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us in our understanding of Scripture and in sharing the gospel?
5. What are some practical ways you can live out your gratitude for salvation this week, in your family, work, or community?

4. Witness (joining Jesus in his mission):

Use the link below to take a look at a list of WH supported missionaries and take a moment to choose a couple of them to pray for.

<https://www.westhighland.org/missions>