Growth Group Questions Profiting from the Prophets 1 Peter 1:10-12 10.28.2018

1. What stood out to you, challenged you, or encouraged you from the sermon Sunday?

2. Every generation of believers has experienced different advantages/disadvantages to their place in God's timetable. The Israelites during Moses time got to see the power of God pour out in the plagues and the parting of the Red Sea. The disciples got to see Jesus feed the 5,000 and calm the raging sea. One day, believers on earth will get to see Jesus return to the earth. Take a moment and think about all the blessings WE have because we get to live today, in the 21st century . . . at this point in God's timetable with humans.

3. Verses 10-12, concerning what did the prophets inquire and diligently seek to know?

4. How would you describe the attitude and emotions of the prophets as they searched? The angels?

- 5. In view of the passion of the prophets for understanding and the fact that angels long to look into these things, why are so many believers today apathetic about their salvation and faith?
- 6. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12, Hebrews 1:1-4, and Luke 24:25-27. What do these passages say about Jesus? According to these verses, where can we look to learn more about Him? Why is this significant?
- 7. How do you think the transfiguration experience affected Peter, his faith, and his message to believers in 1 Peter? (Matthew 17:1-6)
- 8. Compare Peter's actions and understanding of Jesus in Matthew 16:21-27 with the words he wrote in 1 Peter 1:10-12. How did Peter grow in his understanding and faith?
- 9. Matthew 16:25 seems to be a paradox. The person who wants to save his life must lose it. The person who loses his life for Jesus' sake will find it. How do you resolve this paradox?