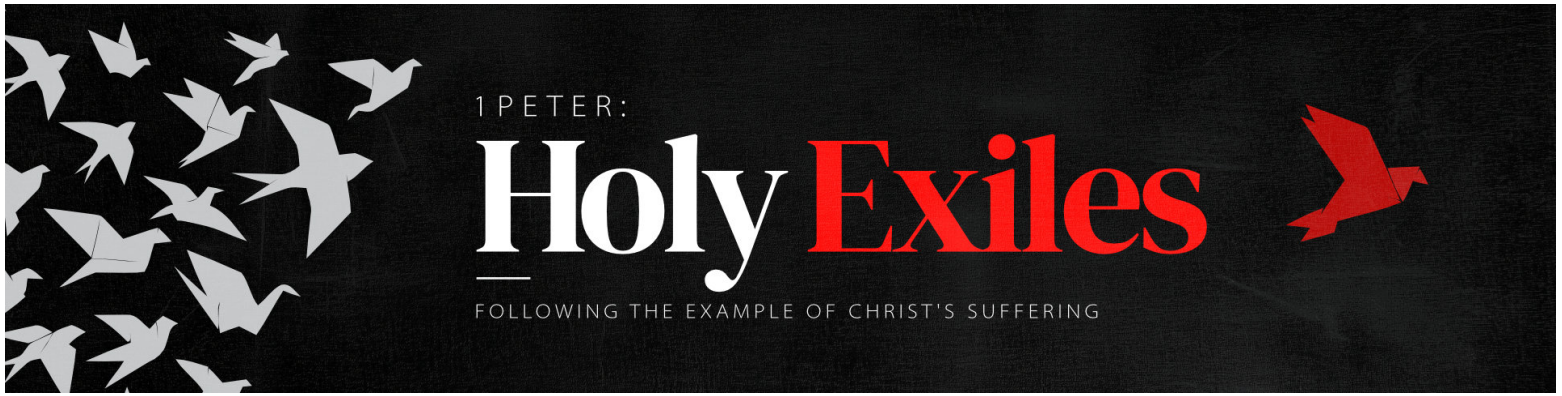




1 PETER 1:10-12

GETTING STARTED...

What good is the Old Testament? For some it is just a bunch of moralistic stories used to train kids to act right, similar to the boy who cried wolf. For others it is just a historic record of things that happened, but don't relate to us. However, as Peter writes his letter he reminds his readers that the prophets in the Old Testament wrote for our benefit to show us Jesus. As we read the Old Testament, we are being shown foreshadowing of what Jesus is going to do and even the glory that is waiting for us in heaven. When we come to understand just how vast the plan of God is for us, we realize just how precious and wonderful is the salvation of Jesus Christ for us!

READ THE TEXT: 1 PETER 1:10-12

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² 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.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Peter tells us of several things that were happening in the Old Testament, what were the prophets doing? What does Peter ascribe to the work of the Holy Spirit?
2. In your own words, what is Peter's point in this section? Try and put it into one sentence.

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

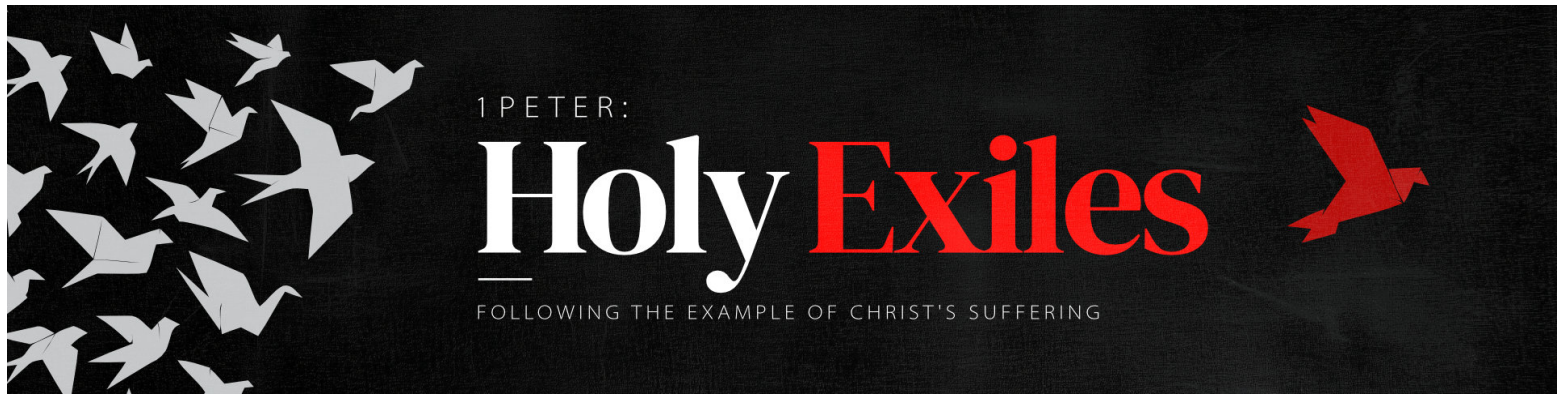
3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been applying to your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. How should we as Christians approach reading the Old Testament? How do we change it from something that was said a long time ago, to something that applies to us today?
6. How does seeing the whole picture of what God is doing throughout the Bible help us put into context the cross of Jesus? How does this change the way we worship?
7. How does realizing the uniqueness of what God has done for us in Jesus affect the way we respond to God?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*"Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them." - Psalm 111:2*