



# SOJOURNERS

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

 CHRIST PACIFIC CHURCH

# HOW CAN WE KNOW ?

1 Peter 1:10-12

This week’s passage addresses the question, “How can we know” about God’s promised salvation in Christ? Through the Holy Spirit, God inspired the Old Testament prophets to declare that Jesus would go through both “sufferings” *and* “subsequent glories.” This was God’s plan of salvation for Jesus as the Messiah he promised to Israel for the sake of the world.

## GOSPEL—WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS HERE?

The salvation God has promised in Christ was “prophesied” by “the prophets” in the Old Testament. What did the prophets predict about “Christ” (1:10-11)? What role did “the Spirit of Christ” have in this prophecy” (1:10-11)? How do Christ’s “sufferings” and “glories” provide a pattern of life for his followers (compare 1:10-11 with 1:6-7)?

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Verse 12 focuses on the place of God’s prophets in his plan of salvation. How were the prophets “serving” those who have “preached” and heard “the good news” of Christ (1:10-12)? What is “the good news” about Christ’s “sufferings” and “subsequent glories” (compare 1:10-11 with 1:1-2)?

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## RESPONSE—WHAT CAN I DO FOR OTHERS?

The Holy Spirit is at work in the world to get the “good news” of Jesus out. Consider some ways you can prepare yourself to share this good news. Which people in your life do you desire to share the good news with? How can you rely on the Holy Spirit for power and direction in these pursuits?

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## RESPONSE—HOW CAN I WORSHIP GOD?

In this week’s verses, God is glorified for his “grace” shown in the good news of Jesus. What are some ways in which you find God’s grace in Christ to be “amazing”? What are some aspects of God’s character you find particularly worthy of praise in salvation? What does it look like to praise God as your Savior?

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### “Sufferings” and “Glories”

This pattern of suffering followed by glory/resurrection comes up a few times in the New Testament. Readers of the New Testament find it on the lips of Jesus (see Luke 24:44-49) and in the words of the Apostle Paul (see Romans 8:14-17). As followers of Jesus, we are invited to participate in this same pattern of life. The road to the glory of Christ’s resurrection life is found through suffering as we serve Jesus. Suffering for Christ’s sake is a theme in this letter.