



Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
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The Astonishment of Grace

1 PETER 1:1-2, 10-12

Questions for Further Discussion: Read 1 Peter 1:1-2,10-12

1. Peter addresses his readers as "elect exiles of the Dispersion." How does this dual reality of being God's people yet spiritually displaced in a fallen world resonate with your own experience living in the "churn" of Metro Manila?
2. The Old Testament prophets diligently searched to understand the grace to come. How does realizing that the prophets of the faith envied our present moment bring a fresh perspective to how we view our own salvation?
3. Pastor John Piper noted that our salvation was a "contemplated destiny" in God's mind for centuries. When you feel unseen or insignificant, how does this truth anchor your identity in your daily life?

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4. According to verse 12, the prophets were told they were "serving not themselves but you." How does this encourage those of us who think our quiet, faithful service might go entirely unnoticed by the world around us?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:12 alongside Psalm 103:20 and Isaiah 6:2. The angels, who only know God's holy perfection, are bending forward to witness God's redemptive grace at work in us. Why do you think the angels are so astounded by the pardon of sin?
6. How does living under the "exhaustion of overperformance" differ from "resting in grace"? What is one practical way you can choose rest before overperformance in your life this week?
7. The early Christians used the word for fish (Ichthys) as an acronym to remember that Jesus stepped into their dispersion as God's Son and Savior. How can you practically "look at your fish" and realize the profound weight of God's grace in the midst of your upcoming week?

