



## Discussion Guide | December 31, 2017

### **Read together 1 Peter 1:3-12**

Since the time of creation through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's salvation plan held great mystery. In this week's message we learn that the gospel is so much more than looking back, but also looking forward to the future fulfillment of God's promises to us.

### **Looking Ahead**

1. What was the most significant take-away from this sermon?
2. I Peter 1:7 describes one purpose God allows trials into our lives-to prove that our faith is genuine. What is the greatest trial you are currently experiencing in your life? How is God using this trial to test your faith?
3. Peter assumes that his readers share the experience of rejoicing with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. Would that characterize your experience when you think about salvation and the inheritance that is in heaven for you? What can you do to increase your joy in these things?
4. What are you most looking forward to in heaven?

### **Sharing/Caring Questions**

1. What has God been showing you this past week through His word, through life situations at home, work, church, or through other means?
2. Are there any things in your life or family we can celebrate together - spiritual or otherwise?
3. Are there any struggles or hardships in your life or family that we can pray for - spiritual or otherwise?
4. Are there any other prayer requests or specific areas the group can pray for?