

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### 1 Peter 1:3-12

#### For Starting

- What is an unusual fear that you have?
- What is one thing that you have done that you would love to do again?
- Share about one thing you got free-of-charge that you have enjoyed the most.
- What is one *spiritual* tradition you have (or wanted) in your life?
- What do you think will be the best thing about Heaven?

#### For Reviewing

- What are (at least) 2 reasons to bless God (v.3)?
- What are the 3 descriptions of our Christian inheritance (v.4)? How are they different from each other?
- How are we protected by God (v.5)?
- What will also happen during our rejoicing (v.6)?
- What value is placed on the faith of a Christian (v.7)?
- Why do we love God (v.8-9)?
- What did the Old Testament prophets discover (v.10-12)?
- Why do you think "*angels long to look into these things*" (v.12b)?

#### For Discussion

- What does it mean to "be born again"? See also John 3:1-8.
- How are Christians "refined by fire" (v.7)?
- Are you ever afraid of losing your faith, or wonder if it is strong enough to withstand trials? Explain.
- What is the best way to protect and strengthen our faith? How can we make sure that these things are practiced in our lives?
- "*Not only is our inheritance kept for us; we are kept for our inheritance*". Do you agree/disagree? Why or why not?  
How does this impact our Christian lives today?
- You could end by reading together 1 Peter 1:3-4a.

## **1 Peter 1:3-12 (NIVUK)**

### **Praise to God for a Living Hope**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup> trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.