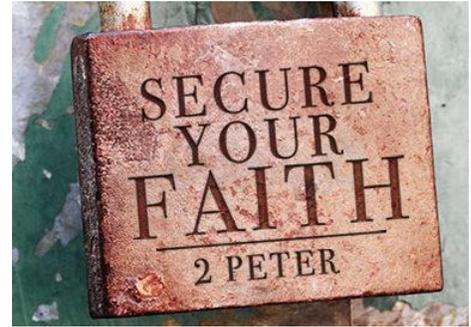


# Discussion Guide

October 16, 2016

## 2 Peter 2:1-9

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So far in 2 Peter he has reminded us of sound teaching, challenged us to be diligent in the faith and to remember the strong biblical foundation we have.

[Q] This past week, what ways have you found that help you to be more diligent in spending time in God's *great and precious promises*?

### Read 2 Peter 2:1-3.

[Q] Describe the false teachers who were among Peter's readers.

[Q] According to Peter, what makes false teachers dangerous?

*The false teachers use our vocabulary, but they do not use our dictionary - Warren Wiersbe*

[Q] What are some motivations someone might have for tampering with the truth?

- appeals to false security
- freedom to what I want, with whom I want, where I want
- emotional excitement – feels good
- easier answers to life's problems

[Q] What false "Christian" teachings have you come across?

[Q] Apply: How can you sharpen your skills in spotting deceptive ideas and false teachings?

## God's just response involves two promises.

### 1. He does not let the guilty go unpunished. (2 Peter 2:4-8)

He judged the angels (Jude 6, Isaiah 14:12-15, Revelation 12:4).

He judged the world in the days of Noah (Genesis 6-8).

He judged the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah in the days of Lot (Genesis 19).

Peter's argument: If God did not spare these, will He not even more certainly judge the false teachers?

[Q] What was Lot tormented by according to 2 Pet 2:7-8?

[Q] Have you ever experienced circumstances similar to Lot's? What did you do to stay faithful? How could you have improved the circumstances? If you fell short in the moment (like Lot, in Genesis 19:6-8), what would you cite as the main failure?

[Q] According to 2 Peter 3:7-9, why does God's judgment seem delayed?

### 2. God will rescue the godly. (2 Peter 2:9)

Peter's argument: if God rescued righteous Lot, then how much more will He "rescue the godly"?

[Q] If Noah had not been a righteous man (Gen. 6:9), and Abraham had not prayed (Gen. 18:22ff), would the outcomes of the situations described have been very different? What are the implications of this for Christians living today in godless societies?<sup>1</sup>

[Q] How does God rescue His people according to 1 Peter 3:18 and Hebrews 9:27-28?

## Pray for those who are deceived and need rescuing.

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**Resource for information on cults and world religions:** [www.probe.org](http://www.probe.org)

**Upcoming class:** Is Mormonism part of the Christian faith? Find out what the Bible says in comparison to what Mormons believe. Three Sundays beginning October 23 at 11:15 a.m., Room 305, Avon Campus. Led by Pastor Jerry Costley, no registration needed.

<sup>1</sup> Clive Anderson, *Opening up 2 Peter*, Opening Up Commentary (Leominster: Day One Publications, 2007), 65.