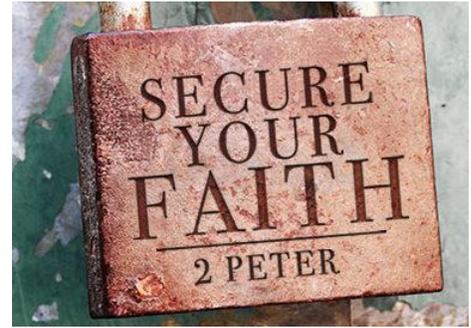


Discussion Guide

November 6, 2016

2 Peter 3:1-10



In 2 Peter 3, Peter moves from attacking the character and motivations of false teachers to addressing the promised return of the Lord.

Read 2 Peter 3:1-4.

[Q] What two things does Peter want his readers to remember according to verse 2?

[Q] What does Peter hope that remembering the Scriptures will do (v. 1)?
Why do they need reminding (v. 3)? You may want to look at several different translations.

[Q] Why are people scoffing in 2 Peter 3:3-4? What insight do you get into the motivation behind the scoffing?

[Q] Have you encountered “scoffers” - those who ridicule or speak with scorn about your faith or biblical beliefs? What has been your response? Please explain.

Read Psalm 1.

[Q] What advice does the Psalmist give for dealing with scoffers (v. 1)?

[Q] What is the attitude and habit of the blessed person in verse 2 and what are the results (v. 3)? How would this help someone encountering scoffers?

[Q] What is the end for the wicked in verses 4-6?

In 2 Timothy 3, Paul reinforces Peter's description of "the last days" (2 Tim 3:1ff). Paul then directs Timothy (and us) to hold firm.

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17:

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NIV)

[Q] Compare this encouragement to Psalm 1:2-3. What similarities do you see? What is most challenging or encouraging for you?

Read 2 Peter 3:5-10.

[Q] What two events do the scoffers overlook—and why does Peter emphasize this point (vv. 5-6)?

[Q] What character qualities of God does Peter offer for the apparent delay in Jesus' return? (vv. 8-9)

[Q] According to verse 10, what will the timing of His coming be like? What will happen on that day? What is Peter trying to emphasize, do you think?

[Q] Jesus hasn't returned today (so far) because it is a day when He wants people to turn to Him so that they won't perish. How should this affect our priorities and actions today? What *specific* difference will it make to you?

Pray for people to turn to Jesus:

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