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Study 1: Overview

In your group, read through the whole book of 2 Peter

As you do, note down:

- ❖ Any themes you notice (words or phrases that are repeated often)
- ❖ Any verses you don't understand
- ❖ Any verses that stand out to you
- ❖ Any questions you want answered

Study 2: Secure Your Calling

Getting started

What are the things in your life that you think can give you security?

Read 2 Peter 1:1-2

1. Who wrote the letter? How does he identify himself?
2. To whom has he written the letter?
3. What is the prayer of Peter for those who read this letter?

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4

4. What are we given by God according to Peter?
5. How has that come to us?
6. What is this knowledge that Peter is referring to? (2 Peter 1:1b)
7. How is that possible?
8. What have we escaped from? What are we called to by God?
9. What has God promised us?
10. What does it mean by participating in the divine nature?

Do you trust in God's power and promise to do this for us?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-11

11. According to Peter, we have been given everything for life and godliness and a promise to share in God's attributes. What is our response to what we now have? How are we to live?

12. List out the qualities. What does that look like in your life?

13. How do these qualities make us effective / fruitful?

14. How can you confirm your calling and make sure of your election according to Peter? (v10)

15. What is the encouragement here for us to work out our calling? (v11)

16. How is the lack of growth evidence that we forgotten our salvation?

Are you sure of your calling? Do we need anything else apart from Christ?

God has called us by His power and promise. He has given us everything to live as Christians. How can we help each other to grow in this?

Study 3: True or False?

Getting started:

What is the best way to find the truth? What are the options available in the world to know the truth of Jesus?

Read 2 Peter 1:12-15

1. What is Peter's reason for writing this letter?
2. Is Peter teaching them something new?
3. What is the condition of Peter when he wrote this letter?
4. What can we draw from Peter's example?

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21

5. Why can we trust what Peter says to us?
6. What are the two trustworthy facts that Peter gives for having confidence in his knowledge of Jesus?
7. What happened during the transfiguration on the holy mountain? (Read Matthew 17:1-8)
8. What does Peter point them to as even more sure than his eyewitness testimony?

9. How does the imagery found in v19 help us to think about how the Old Testament (OT) points to Christ?

10. How does Peter say the OT Scripture came about?

We have both OT scripture and New Testament writing, how sure are you of the truth of Jesus?

Is the Bible the place you go to find the truth?

Read 2 Peter 2:1-3

11. Who is Peter warning his reader about?

12. In what ways are they like the false prophets of the OT?

13. Why are these false teachers so dangerous?

14. What does Peter say about their end?

Do you take comfort in God who will bring justice to those who blaspheme the truth?

We live in a world that seems to ignore the truth of God, the Creator of this universe. How can we help each other to remember or hold on to the truth of God?

Study 4: Falsehood

Last week we studied Peter's warnings about the false teachers and the effects they brought to us and themselves. God has never failed to help us trust in Him despite being surrounded by wicked men and living in this fallen world. Let's see how we can be encouraged by God from today's passage, and how to protect ourselves by identifying those false teachers.

Read 2 Peter 2:4-10a

1. What reassurance is Peter giving to his readers? (v9-10)

2. Peter gives us 3 examples from the past. Discuss how each one illustrates rescue and punishment.(v4-8)
 - a. angels

 - b. the flood

 - c. Sodom and Gomorrah

3. How are Noah and Lot described?

How does this passage encourage us to live a godly life?

Read 2 Peter 2:10b-19

4. What does Peter say about the nature / character of the false teachers?

5. How does this contrast to the character of Christ and how we ought to behave as Christian?

Read 2 Peter 2:20-22

6. What does Peter mean by, “their last state has become worse for them than the first”? (v20)
7. Why does Peter say, “it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness”? (v21)
8. How do the proverbs that Peter refers to describe what happens to false teachers? (v22)

Are you uncomfortable with the idea that God rescues and punishes at the same time?

Peter uses very strong language to describe the false teachers. How does that make you feel?

How can we help each other keep from being influenced by false teachers?

Study 5: The Day will Come

Getting started:

How do you feel about the world we are living in? Are you ready for Jesus to come back anytime?

Read 2 Peter 3:1-7

1. Peter reiterates the reason for writing this letter. What was that?
2. What does Peter say will happen in the “last days”?
3. What is that the scoffers overlook according to Peter?
4. What do you see of God’s character here?

Does it sometimes seem like God has forgotten to judge the world?

Read 2 Peter 3:8-12

5. What has Peter introduced to the readers about God’s timing?
6. Why is Jesus yet to come back according to Peter?
7. What do you see of God’s character here?

**Have you grown weary of waiting for the Lord to come again?
What has caused you to be impatient for the Lord’s return?**

8. What will happen on the day of Lord's return?

9. Knowing the world that we are living now will pass away and destruction of the ungodly when Jesus returns, what sort of people ought we to be?

10. How do we hasten of the day of God?

Read 2 Peter 3:13-18

11. What are we waiting for according to God's promise?

12. What are we to do while waiting for this promise?

13. How do we gain stability and go forward in Christian living?

How much is your life shaped by the knowledge of Jesus' return?

How does the assurance of the Lord's return affect the way we share the gospel to non-believers? Share with the group any person you have in mind and pray for them.

How have you been growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the studies of this letter?