

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 11, 2009

Passage: 2 Peter 1:12-15

Memory Passage: 2 Peter 1:13-14

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 1:12.** How important is remembering and reminding in the Christian life (Deut. 6:17; Josh. 22:5; Matt. 28:20; Eph. 2:11-12)? What is remembering supposed to accomplish (James 1:24-25; Acts 20:35; Gal 2:10)?
- (b) What is it that Peter is reminding them of and what is it that they know (v.3-11)? What specifically is the truth that they are established in (v. 3-4; Col 2:6-7; 1Pet. 5:10)?
- (c) What has Peter already said about the dangers of forgetting (v. 9)? How are we to keep from being nearsighted (1Peter 1:13)?
- (d) What are some things that we can do to remind and recall what we have heard? What are some practical ways that we can become doers and not merely hearers of the word? What is something that your Sunday school group or Home group could do?
- (e) *Family:* Read 2 Peter 1:12. Talk about the importance of remembering. Why is it important for us to take the time to memorize scripture (Deut. 11:18-22; Eph. 6:17; Psalm 1)? What could your family do to start memorizing verses together? Pray that God would help you to memorize and learn and remember scripture.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 1:13.** Read this verse in NIV. What word does Paul use to describe his body? How permanent is a tent and how does this relate to our lives (James 4:14)?
- (b) Read 2Cor. 5:1-5. How does Paul describe our current situation? On a normal day, do you think that you would describe yourself as groaning or longing to be rid of your earthly body? Why or why not?
- (c) What is Peter's purpose in this letter and while he is still on earth? How does this relate to our purpose on earth (Matt. 28:18-20; 2Tim 2:2)?
- (d) What are some of those things that keep you from being stirred up (1John 2:15-17; James 1:14-15; 1Peter 1:9)? How can you practically stir each other up (Heb 10:23-25)?
- (e) *Family:* Read 1 Peter 1:13 and 2Corinthians 5:1-5. Talk about what Paul means by longing and groaning in these current tents. What is a tent used for? What is the difference between a house and a tent? Why do we spend so much time decorating our tent when a house is waiting for us? Pray that God would give you a heavenly mindset that looks toward the future.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 1:14.** What does Peter expect to happen soon according this verse? What has been prophesied about Peter's death (John 13:26; 21:18-19)?
- (b) *Extra Credit:* What is the story of how Peter was killed? Try Wikipedia. How was Jesus' prophesy fulfilled?
- (c) The term "putting off" and "putting on" are used a lot by Paul. How does Paul use this phrase (Eph 4:20-24; Col. 3:5-11)? How is this different from the way Peter uses this phrase?
- (d) In Col. 3:12-17, what is it that Paul tells us that we need to put on right now? How does this relate to the qualities that Peter has already talked about in v. 5-7?
- (e) *Family:* Read 2 Peter 1:14. Why are last words so important? How does the fact that these appear to be Peter's "last words" affect the way in which we read what he has said? Read through vv. 3-11 thinking about the fact that these are the last words that Peter is giving to us. Pray that God would give you such a legacy as Peter has given to us.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read John 17. 2Peter contains some of the last words that Peter gives to the Church. In John 17, we have Christ's last prayer for His disciples and for us. What are some key things that He prays for in this passage? What sticks out to you as you read this prayer from Christ?
- (b) Read 2Tim. 4:1-8. 2Timothy is one of Paul's last writings. It is his last letter to Timothy. How does Paul exhort Timothy one last time? What does this mean for us? How are we to live in light of this?

(c) Read Acts 20:17-35. Here are Paul's last words to the Elders from Ephesus. What does he emphasize for them to remember? If we are called to shepherd our flock, how is it that we are to know who is in our church?

(d) How does Paul's example of his life encourage and challenge you to live? Does Paul think it was ok to retire from what God had called him to do in making disciples? Is there ever a time when we have fulfilled God's calling?

(e) *Family* Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. What are Paul's last words to Timothy? What are we to be about until the coming of our Lord? How should this affect the way we live? What do we have to look forward to? Pray that the Lord would help you to be faithful to fulfill the ministry that He has given to you.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 2 Peter 1:15.** What is Peter's major concern in this verse? What kind of legacy is Peter hoping to leave behind for his readers (vv. 3:14-18)?

(b) What kind of legacy are you leaving behind? What kind of spiritual offspring have you raised up to carry on after you? Would you say that you have discipled others as the great commission has commanded?

(c) It is never too late or too early to make disciples. If you were to die today, what would you leave behind that would last? How can we begin to leave a lasting legacy for God (2Tim 2:2; Titus 2:1-5; Matt. 28:18-20)?

(d) *Family:* Read 2 Peter 1:15. What are you doing to leave a legacy that glorifies the Lord and not yourself? What are you doing to be able to recall at any time the things God has said? Pray that the Lord would give you have a heart to make disciples and bring glory to Him.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read 2 Peter 1:3-15. What are those things that God has brought to your mind this week that are keeping you from being "stirred up" by the truths of God? How are you distracted from the calling God has placed on your life? What are you doing to faithfully leave a legacy that will last?

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The Reminder of Faith

"I intend always to remind you of these things"