



Community Group Discussion Guide

April 12, 2015

Week 1 | The Risk of Forgetting
2 Peter 1:1-15

Read 2 Peter 1:1-15 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

Take a man who saw Jesus crucified, this same man seeing the resurrected Jesus, a man passionate for others to know the truth of God's grace, a man who devoted his life to reaching people with the gospel, to the point of imprisonment and old age. Put this together with a deep love for his fellow believers. And you have Peter. He faithfully served Jesus for years. He knows his remaining days on earth are few. And in the time he has, he wants to do everything possible to protect and strengthen those who share his faith in Jesus.

Peter's second letter is very intense. He gives these followers of Jesus three warnings, and with each one the serious risk they face.

Questions for Study

1. If you're in a Community Group spend time sharing some of your favorite memories. You might do this looking back to different times in your life. For example: Your earliest memories as a child. Memories from your high school and/or college years. Memories of family vacations. Memories of the house you grew up in. Memories of neighbors.
2. Do you have any memories that are not so good? Things in your life you wish you didn't remember? You might share these with your Community Group.
3. On a scale of 1 to 10 how well would you say you remember things from the past? Do you have any times where you've been embarrassed because of what you didn't remember?
4. Do a second reading of 2 Peter 1:1-15 and write down the verses where Peter mentions remembering.
5. What did Peter say he's committed to doing for these believers? Why does he make this commitment? Why is this so important to him?
6. Read verses 3 and 4. Then write in your own words what Peter is saying in these two verses.
7. Peter begins verse 5 by saying... "For this very reason" What is the "reason" Peter's referring to? What impact does he say this should have on how we live?
8. In verses 8 and 9 he makes a contrast between two people. What does he say is the cause of each person being the way they are? (Clue: It has everything to do with remembering.)
9. If you were to summarize the point Peter is making to these believers, what would you say it is?