



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 3 | The Risk of Not Preparing
2 Peter 3:1-14

Read 2 Peter 3:1-18 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 your own experience of not being prepared for something that really needed preparation. What was it and what was the result of you not being prepared? How about any dreams you've had about this happening. Perhaps a repeated dream.
2. Is there a time in your life where a day became very special for you? It was your day and everyone who knew you, made you their focus for that day. You were the center of everyone's attention.
3. This third chapter is all about being prepared for Christ's return and his judgment of mankind. Key to understanding and benefit from what Peter wrote is a five word phrase used to describe the day of Christ's return.

These five words found in verse 10: "the day of the Lord" What life-changing insight does this description give us to the return of Christ?
4. In verse two, what are "the words spoken by the prophets" and "the command" given by Jesus that Peter wants his readers to recall? Clue for each: 2 Peter 1:19-21 and Matthew 24:42.
5. What is the reason given by the "scoffers" that Christ will not return?
6. What are the four answers Peter gives to what they're saying? One has to do with creation. One has to do with the flood. One has to do with God's perspective on time. One has to do with God's patience.
7. What happens to earth and to the heavens above when Christ returns? Does this impact you in any way? If yes, how?
8. How does Peter say it should impact us?