



2 Peter

With Trust

Session 11

In this portion of scripture, today we will read about Peter's eminent death and his determination to remind his reader about the things that are recorded in scripture. He speaks plainly of the inspiration and authority of the Bible and its importance as God's final revelation.

1. Peter's Readiness to Remind
Read 2 Peter 1:12-15

Peter's intent is to remind them about the "truth" they already know - to embrace it and to hold on to it.

Question: Outstanding coaches constantly review the basics of the sport. We as men must not neglect the basics of our faith in order to study the deeper truths. What are some of the basics you live by in your day-to-day in order to go deeper in your faith?

Question: Peter knew that his death was eminent, coming near. As a matter of fact, Jesus foretold him in John 21:18-19. How does this challenge you in your faith?

2. The Reasons for Peter's Commitment
Read 2 Peter 1:16-19

Peter reminds us of those things vital to our spiritual lives, to escape from corruption in this world through lust. We are to manifest the evidence of the divine nature in our lives.

Question: We are to be men of truth and learn in the true knowledge of God. Where does your truth come from in your life? How does it reflect truth in your marriage, with family and children, and in the workplace?

Question: Peter gives an eye count as a witness to seeing Jesus being transfigured (read Matt. 17:1-13). When you read this portion of scripture, what are your thoughts on its truth? Do you believe? Why?

Question: The Bible is not a collection of fables or human ideas about God. Do you believe this statement? How convincing are you with other non-believers?

3. The Danger of Polluting Prophecy

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21

The scriptures are God's "light" for men. Peter is putting urgency in knowing that scripture is God breathed, not man's interpretation.

Question: God used the talents, education, and cultural background of each writer in the Bible. What does it mean to you today knowing the basics that God instructed the prophets and the writers of the Bible?

Question: Read 1 Corin. 2:6-15. The Holy Spirit is the key to accurate interpretation of the Bible. Describe how the Holy Spirit has helped you in your understanding of the Bible.

Assignment: Peter viewed his life from "The View from A Hearse" knowing that all will die unless Christ returns. Write out your view from a hearse. Be honest with your thoughts.

Next week: Read 2 Peter 1-22 Danger to Growing Christians