



2 Peter

Key Categories & Text

Head



- How is what I know increasing?

Heart



- How is my worship being transformed?

Hands



- How am I applying what I know and how I am worshipping in order to serve those around me? (i.e., family, church, coworkers, neighbors, etc.)

Biblical Pericope
{2 Peter 1:20-2:10 | ESV}

- **20** knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.
- **21** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- **2:1** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
- **2** And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.
- **3** And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.
- **4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
- **5** if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
- **6** if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;
- **7** and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked
- **8** (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);
- **9** then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,
- **10** and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,

Life Group Discussion Guide

Introduction:

Continue using "The Moody Bible Commentary" to help assist you in the leading of this lesson. Please feel free to use any additional notes or quality resources.

How can you tell the truth from a lie? Now how can you tell the truth from a half truth (which is still a lie) when it comes to our faith? Why is it important to know correct doctrine and Scripture? (Encourage your group to think deeply about this answer and not just a simple "because it's right.")

If someone asked you why you believe the Bible, what would you tell them? How many of you have had this experience before? What was that like?

What prophecies in the Old Testament point to Jesus? (This is certainly not an exhaustive list. - Genesis 3:14-15 [Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:14]; Genesis 12:3 [Acts 3:25-26, Matthew 1:1, Galatians 3:16]; Deuteronomy 18:15-19 [Matthew 21:11, Luke 7:16, Luke 24:19, John 6:14, John 7:40]; Deuteronomy 32:43 [Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17])

Head:

- Peter, in verse 20, states "no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation." He then goes on to say "For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." What does Peter mean by these statements? If humans are not the source of prophecies, who or what is? What is challenging for you about Peter's statement?

- D. Edmond Heibert states "The Spirit, not human volition, is the originating power in prophecy." How does this statement correspond with what Peter is saying?

- What prophecies do you know from Scripture that bring you comfort? What prophecies bring you concern or worry? Why is that? Why are prophecies in Scripture important?

- As we move into chapter two, Peter begins to talk about false prophets. How would you define a false prophet? Where have you seen false prophets in Scripture? (Consider these passages. - Jeremiah 14:14; Jeremiah 23:21-33; Zechariah 10:2) Where have you seen false prophets in our world today?

- Paul A. Cedar states "False teaching flows from the minds of men and women; truth flows from the heart and mind of the living God." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? How do Cedar's words challenge you? If they don't, why do you think that is?

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- Verses 4-10 speak to how to respond to false teaching. Before going deeper into the passage, how do you think we should respond to false teaching and false prophecies? Have you had to do that before? What did that look like?

- J. Vernon McGee wisely observes "Peter will give us three examples of apostates in the past. His first example is of the angels who sinned (v. 4), and it is an example of how the Devil works. His second example is that of the world of Noah's day (v. 5), and it is the example of the world. The third example (v. 6) is the turning of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, and that is the example of the flesh." Look at those three verses (4, 5, 6). What stands out to you most in those three examples? Why is that?

- Verses 7 through 9 demonstrates that while God punishes the wicked, He will also rescue the godly (in this case Lot). What hope does that create for Christians? In what way have you hoped for rescue (from sin, destruction, or the enemy) lately?

Heart:

- How have you spent time reading and considering the prophecies of the Bible? For those who have spent little time reading and considering them, why do you think that is? For those that have spent copious amount of time with them, why do you think that is? How does the prophecies of Jesus comfort or encourage you in this current season of life? How might they help you worship Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

- How are you susceptible to hearing and engaging false prophecies and teaching? What is a false prophecy or teaching that you have encountered that you have had to renounce? Are there any false teachings currently that you are aware that surround you? If so, what are they? Why is doctrinal clarity important for you personally?

Hands:

- How can the group help one another filter, expose, and renounce false teaching?

- Consider spending time in prayer as a group, thanking God for His inspiration of the Scriptures.

Conclusion:

As we conclude, is there anything from Pastor Dustin's sermon that stood out to you that we have not yet discussed? Why do you think that particular thing stood out to you?

Pray:

Is there anything that you can pray for as a result of today's passage?
Spend time praying for one another's needs and requests.