

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does it seem that Peter is speaking directly to our generation today?
2. Why do you think those that try to discredit the Bible attack creation, the flood, and the second coming?
3. Why does Jesus wait to come back even though people are suffering?
4. What does it mean that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief?
5. How do we hasten the coming Jesus according to verse 12?
6. What should our response be to God's plan and patience?
7. How do we guard against lies by growing in the grace of Jesus Christ? What about growing in knowledge of Christ?

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Answers to fill in the blanks:
1. SCOFFERS A. SECOND COMING B. DESIGN C. POWER OF GOD
2. PATIENCE A. SALVATION B. JUDGMENT C. GLOBAL WARMING
3. GOD'S A. SINNING B. PEACE C. BIBLE
4. LIES A. GRACE B. KNOWLEDGE

Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

DRINKING SCOFFEE

SECOND PETER 3:1-18

MAIN IDEA:

AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST WE MUST BE AWARE OF AND GUARD OURSELVES FROM FALSE TRUTHS IN LIGHT OF GOD'S TRUTH SO THAT WE MIGHT GLORIFY CHRIST IN OUR LIVES.

QUESTION:

HOW CAN I STAY STRONG WHEN THE WORLD SAYS I'M WRONG?

1. *BE AWARE OF* _____ *3:1-7*

2 Peter 3:1–7 (CSB)

¹ Dear friends, this is now the second letter I have written to you; in both letters, I want to stir up your sincere understanding by way of reminder, ² so that you recall the words previously spoken by the holy prophets and the command of our Lord and Savior given through your apostles. ³ Above all, be aware of this: Scoffers will come in the last days scoffing and following their own evil desires, ⁴ saying, “Where is his ‘coming’ that he promised? Ever since our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they have been since the beginning of creation.” ⁵ They deliberately overlook this: By the word of God the heavens came into being long ago and the earth was brought about from water and through water. ⁶ Through these the world of that time perished when it was flooded. ⁷ By the same word, the present heavens and earth are stored up for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

- A. They question the _____ of Jesus Christ.
- B. Those who reject God's _____ in creation also reject the evidence of the global flood.
- C. The fact that people shut their eyes to the _____ at work does not mean that God is not working.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

2. **DON'T OVERLOOK GOD'S** _____ **3:8-13**

2 Peter 3:8–13 (CSB)

⁸ Dear friends, don't overlook this one fact: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹ The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed. ¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in holy conduct and godliness ¹² as you wait for the day of God and hasten its coming. Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with fire and the elements will melt with heat. ¹³ But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

- A. God's patience is part of the plan of _____.
- B. God's patience lasts until _____ Day.
- C. Judgment Day is the real _____
_____!

3. **LIVE** _____ **TRUTH** **3:14-16**

2 Peter 3:14–16 (CSB)

¹⁴ Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things, make every effort to be found without spot or blemish in his sight, at peace. ¹⁵ Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him. ¹⁶ He speaks about these things in all his letters. There are some matters that are hard to understand. The untaught and unstable will twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

- A. Strive to live without _____.
- B. Strive to live at _____.
- C. Strive to understand God's truth, the _____.

4. **GUARD AGAINST THE WORLD'S** _____ **3:17-18**

2 Peter 3:17–18 (CSB)

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard, so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stable position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

- A. Guard by growing in the _____ of Jesus Christ.
- B. Guard by growing in the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Grace	Knowledge
Keeps you tolerant and loving	Keeps you strong and confident
Gives you mercy and compassion	Gives you discernment and discrimination
Helps you believe and accept	Helps you question and critique
Results in vulnerability	Results in stability