



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 2 | The Risk of Believing Lies
2 Peter 2

Read 2 Peter chapter 2.

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. Can you recall a time when you were told a lie? What happened as a result? Where did believing the lie lead you?
2. As Peter is writing this letter, what stage of life is he in (a young guy, middle age, or older/wiser)? How does this impact his writing?
3. Read 2 Peter 1:12-15. What is Peter's aim in writing this letter? Keep in mind... Peter is writing as he is about to embrace eternity. Ponder how this impacts his message and the importance of his message.
4. How are other people affected by false teachers (vs. 2)?
5. What is the main point of verses 4-8?
6. Talk about the stories mentioned in verses 5 - 9? Why are these examples used?
7. In our culture what are some common lies (think in terms of culturally and theologically)?
8. In the midst of mixed messages and blatant lies, how does a follower of Christ stand firm? What contributes to a faith that is unshaken? How are you doing in these things?