



Growth Group discussion questions for 2 Peter 1:16-21

Saving the Gospel: Scripture Alone

Week of Oct. 8-11, 2017

1. NCC Q5: What else did God create?

A: God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

Memorize, meditate on and be ready to recite Genesis 1:31.

2. Read 2 Peter chapter 1 carefully at least twice.

3. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on Sunday, Oct. 8th? How were you specifically challenged?

4. What questions did the message bring up that you'd like to discuss?

5. What points of application did you take away from the message?

6. Peter makes an extraordinary statement in 1:3-4 about how we can become increasingly like God in our character ("*partakers of his divine nature*").

a) What resources does God give you as a believer in Christ (verses 3-4 and elsewhere) to be transformed toward spiritual maturity?

b) What specific promises in Scripture has God given you to help you escape sinful corruption and grow spiritually? What verses come to mind? (e.g. Acts 2:38, 2 Cor. 5:17, 2 Cor. 9:8, James 1:5, 1 John 1:9; think of prayer, strength, grace, hope, etc.) Do you ever call to mind promises like these when you're tempted to sin, be discouraged, etc.? Why or why not?

7. What does Peter say is even “*more sure*” than his eyewitness testimony of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ which is found in Matt. 17:1-13? Why would he say it’s more sure? (See 2 Tim. 3:16, Psalm 19:7-9, Psalm 119:160, 1 Thess. 2:13)

8. What do you think Peter means in verse 21? Compare this verse with 2 Timothy 3:16. Though God used human authors to pen the Scriptures with their particular personalities, circumstances, etc., who is the ultimate author of Scripture?

9. What are some implications for your life of the fact that Scripture is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word from God himself? What difference should that make to you? (e.g. Ps. 119:97-98, Acts 4:13, Isaiah 66:2)

10. What kind of attitude and heart must you bring to your Scripture reading according to Psalm 25:4-5, 9, 12 and 1 Peter 2:2?

11. If Scripture alone is inerrant, divine truth, what care should you use in reading anything else? If you see a discrepancy or disagreement between something you read or hear from some other source compared with Scripture, what should you do? Try to give an example of when this has occurred in your experience. (Ezekiel 13:1-3, Acts 18:24-28, Matt. 4:1-7, 22:29)

PRAY IN THE GROUP

- What has God impressed on you through this study? Pray that God would enable you to grow in any areas of spiritual conviction. Pray about specific needs of the people in your group.
- Pray for Cornerstone’s new addictions ministry: that God would use it to draw many to salvation in Christ and freedom from life-dominating addictions. Pray for enough laborers for the ministry.