

2 Peter 1:12-21 ~ Prophecy of Scripture ~ Discussion Questions

1. If you knew you were about to die and had time to make only one phone call or write one letter or e-mail, whom would you contact? Why?
2. In what did Peter say his readers were established? Are you established in this?
3. What did Peter think it was right for him to do? Why do we need to have our memory refreshed about Biblical truths? Why do we forget these truths? Did other Biblical authors also feel this was important? (1:13, Romans 15:15, Philippians 3:1, 1 John 2:21)
4. What did Peter know would happen to him soon and what did he want his readers to do then? (1:14-15)

Now that the salutation and *exordium* (theme of the letter) have been presented, Peter moves on to the *probatio* (presentation of the case), which is in three parts: 1) proof that the message that Jesus will return is trustworthy (1:16-21), 2) defense of the teaching that Jesus will come to judge (chap 2), and 3) a further reminder to his readers to remember the coming day of the Lord and final judgement (chap 3).

5. What gave Peter strong credibility? (1:16)
6. How important is it to your faith that Peter (and other New Testament writers) were eyewitnesses to the life of Christ?
7. In 1:19, Peter speaks of the “word of the prophets being made more certain” by the transfiguration. How many prophecies of future events are there in total in the Bible? How many have already been fulfilled and how many are in the future?
8. From where do Biblical prophecies come? Who is qualified to interpret them? (1:20-21, 2 Timothy 3:16, Revelation 22:16, 2 Samuel 23:2, Acts 1:16)
9. In 1:19, what did Peter tell his readers (and us!) that they should do?
10. We often think of “prophecy” as foretelling the future, but it is much more than that. What exactly is it?
11. How do you need to change your Bible study habits in light of the importance of Scripture?