

# Sermon Discussion Guide

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**Sermon Series:** *Steady Sojourners*

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 1:16-21

**Preacher:** Brad



## SUMMARY

Big Idea: Steady Sojourners are Sure of the Return of Christ

The church is plagued by false teachers who teach that the return of Christ is a myth. This is devastating to Peter because he longs for the church to bear the good fruits of godliness that leads to their entrance into Christ's eternal kingdom. This false teaching was leading many into a life of license and sensuality. So, Peter writes his defense. He argues for the truth of the second coming of Christ through two main sources of evidence. First, Peter himself was an eyewitness of Christ's majesty, the transfiguration, which prophetically pictures Christ in his glory when he will return. What's more sure than an eyewitness testimony? The prophetic word of God recorded in the Scriptures, to which we do well to "pay attention" to.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is something in your life that you are sure of?

How does this certainty impact and flavor the way you live - what you do and do not do?

### **READ 2 Peter 1:16-21**

1. If Christ was not coming back, what impact would that have on your faith and life?
2. How sure are you that Christ will return? Why?
3. Connecting this with last week, 1:1-15, how ought such certainty affect the way you live?
4. Why is Peter so sure that Christ will return? What reasons does he give?
5. Do you find his reasons compelling and convincing?
6. Why does Peter exhort us to pay attention to the Scriptures?
  - a. How does "pay attention" relate to James 1:22; 2:17 and Matthew 7:24-27?
  - b. What distracts your attention away from the Scriptures the most?
7. Would you rather: have been with Peter, James and John on the Mt of transfiguration? OR Have the Spirit of God dwelling in you and the word of God in front of you?
8. In what sense is the prophetic word more sure than an eyewitness?
9. What is 1 thing this week that you could **start** doing to better reflect your certainty of Christ's return?
10. What is 1 thing this week that you could **stop** doing to better reflect your certainty of Christ's return?