

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon Series: *Steady Sojourners*

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:14-18

Preacher: Jerrod



SUMMARY

Big Idea: True Christian hope motivates us to Christian Living

Our verses wrap up the letter of 2 Peter. In Peter's final words of exhortation, he summarizes the main threads of the letter, and he ends where he began (compare to 3:18 with 1:2.) In summary, Peter encourages his readers to live lives in accordance with the hope of knowing Jesus will return soon and our future with him is certain. Peter gives 4 imperatives, making clear what kinds of traits should mark their lives, in contrast to the false teachers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What makes Christian hope different from all other hopes?

What other hopes do you have? (think about relational, financial, political, health, individual, etc..)

Do these two categories of hope compete in your life? How do you balance these and keep them in their rightful place?

READ 2 Peter 3:14-18

In our verses, Peter prescribes the kind of life that our future hope should produce. Jerrod helpfully summed these up with the following headings:

- Hopeful People are People of Character
- Hopeful People are People of Peace
- Hopeful People are Evangelistic People
- Hopeful People are Ever-Growing People
- Hopeful People are People of Worship

For each of these, consider the following questions:

1. Where do you see this in the text?
2. What does it mean?
3. What does this look like? Where do you see this in the lives of other believers? (in your group?)
4. Where do you see this in your life?

Final Questions:

5. Which one for you seems the most difficult, or is your biggest struggle?
6. How does the gospel and our future hope direct and enable growth in that area?