

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon Series: *Steady Sojourners*

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-13

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Let God steady your mind on what is rather than what ifs
In these verses, Peter stirs our minds, not with new information, but with a reminder of ancient truths. Truths from God declared from long ago through the prophets and correspondingly through the apostles (think OT and NT.) What truth in particular does Peter have in mind? The truth of the coming day of the Lord, when Christ will bring judgment and salvation. False teachers and scoffers had rejected this very truth, and continue to do so today. Nevertheless, God's word stands and in His perfect timing the Lord will return. In the meantime, steady sojourners do not order their lives around the "what ifs" but let the "what-is" certainty of what is coming fuel our eager, hastening waiting.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How much of your time do you spend thinking about the future? (could be upcoming hours, days, years, or eternity).
- Of that future-oriented thinking, how much is based on what is known compared to what is unknown? (What is, vs What ifs)
- Does that bring up any notable observations, tendencies, or points of reflection?

READ 2 Peter 3:1-13

1. What are the scoffers mocking?
 - a. Why? What is their reasoning, and what ultimately is their desire?
 - b. Where do you see their reasoning and desires present in your own life?
2. How does Peter correct them? How does he make his argument?
3. From this passage, why has Christ not returned yet? What makes that an important thought for you?
4. In verses 8-9, what do we learn about God's nature and character?
5. How can this passage - reflecting on these verses in 2 Peter 3 - be used by God to grow you in patience, compassion, and being slow to anger?
 - a. When do you find yourself being most impatient, callous, and quick to anger?
 - i. Why? What is fueling that?
6. In verse 12, Peter calls us to be "waiting for and hastening..." Are these opposites? How do these go hand-in-hand? (Cf Romans 8:19, 23 "waiting eagerly")
7. In light of the descriptions given in these verses about the return of Christ, when you think about His return, are you more excited or afraid?
 - a. What are some reasons you feel one way or the other?