

TAKEAWAY



BELIEFS MATTER

2 Peter 3:14-18 – Part Six

INTRODUCTION

Throughout Peter's words to early Christians, is the constant emphasis on truth. As we've unpacked 2 Peter it has become clear that Peter is saying; what you believe really matters, because it shapes how you live. His letter gives us a glimpse of what the Christian life should look like in light of the truth we know about Jesus. In this final section of his letter, Peter shares a final warning against being carried away from the truth and points believers to grow both in grace and in knowledge of Jesus Christ.

SHARE

What makes something or someone trustworthy?

What's the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus? Why does the difference matter?

READ

2 Peter 3:14-18

DISCUSS

On Sunday, it was said that the Bible is "a historically accurate message from God" – what is some evidence for the accuracy and authenticity of the Bible?

What doubts or questions about the Bible's reliability do you still find hardest to wrestle with?

It was also shared that the Bible is a "demonstrably accurate reader of people." Do you agree? Why or why not?

For you personally, which matters more right now: intellectual confidence or lived experience — and why?

How do you usually respond when you read something in the Bible that clashes with modern culture or your instincts?

What does a humble approach to the Bible actually look like in practice?

How can communities help one another read the Bible well, rather than individually drifting into confusion?

READ

John 5:39-40

DISCUSS

In your own words, what does Jesus say to the religious elite in this passage?

Have you ever felt at risk of confusing Bible knowledge with spiritual growth? Why do you think it's possible to love Scripture, but miss the person it points to?

How can Bible reading become more relational rather than just informational? *Note down any practical or helpful things shared for people to 'try out' in the week.*

How might your relationship with the Bible change if you consistently saw it as a signpost rather than the destination?

How do we grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ as Peter encourages in 2 Peter 3:18?

REVIEWING 2 PETER

DISCUSS

Peter concludes both his letters to the early Church in a similar way: *"To him be the glory and power for ever and ever."* *"To him be the power for ever and ever"* [1 Peter 4:11 & 1 Peter 5:11]

"To him be the glory both now and forever." [2 Peter 3:18]

What theme prevails in Peter's two letters?

How can Christ have power and glory in and through us individually?

After this series, what is one sentence you would use to explain why beliefs matter?

SHARE

What has stood out to you or been challenging in this series?

Is there anything you need to do, think or change as you reflect on Pete's words in 2 Peter? Any habits or 'try outs' you'd like to continue?

PRAY