|  | <b>SECOND PETER</b>  |  |
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| Growing in the<br>Sufficient Revelation<br>of Jesus  | The Destructiveness and<br>Destruction of Those<br>Who Distort and Depart<br>from the Truth of Jesus   | Trusting in the<br>Certain Return<br>of Jesus  |
| An Equal Faith (1:1-2)<br>Precious & Great Promises (1:3-4)<br>Make Every Effort (1:5-11)<br>Stir You Up (1:12-15)<br>Eyewitnesses (1:16-21) | Identifying False Teachers (2:1-3)<br>Doom of False Teachers (2:4-10)<br>Describing False Teachers (2:11-16)<br>Better to Never Know (2:17-22) | Stir You Up to Remember (3:1-2)<br>The Promise of His Coming (3:3-10)<br>What Kind of People? (3:11-13)<br>Grow in Grace (3:14-18) |



**2 Peter** Sunday, May 8, 2016

The Apostle Peter knows his death is near. He writes a last letter which includes 4 vital reminders to "stir up" the people of God in every generation . . .

1. Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Spiritual growth is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. False Teaching is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The Return of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_.



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## **Connecting Together**

Take some time this week to share and care for one another.

## Studying God's Word Together

 Read the book of 2 Peter together as a group then share personal thoughts and insights. How does the fact of Peter's soon execution impact your reading of the text?

2. Look closely at 1:3-4. What do these verse say? Does it "stir you up" in any way? In what ways can we feed on "His precious and very great promises"?

3. Look closely at 1:5-11. In these verses Peter is reminding us that "spiritual growth is necessary" (not necessary to earn our salvation, but necessary as the result/fruit of our salvation). Peter mentions 8 qualities we are to add to our faith: virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love. Which of those is most lacking in your life and how might you add it?

- 4. 2 Peter 2 is all about false teaching and it's clear that Peter takes it very seriously for "them are fighting words." Read 2:1-3. What are some of the characteristics of false teaching? Why does Peter speak so strongly here? Do you think false teaching is a threat today?
- 5. 2 Peter 3 reminds us of the certain return of Jesus. 3:3 mentions "scoffers." At what do they scoff? If God is not slow in keeping His promise, what is He according to 3:9?
- According to 2 Peter 3:7-13, what will happen when Jesus returns? (At least 3 things!)
- 7. What is the reminder of the certain return of Jesus supposed to stir up in us according to 3:11?

## Household/Family Focus: for discussion in your household

Discuss as a household which of the 4 of Peter's reminders is timely and stirring for you: 1. Scripture is sufficient. 2. Spiritual growth is necessary. 3. False teaching is destructive. 4. The return of Jesus is certain.

## **Prayer Together**

As you pray for one another's needs, pray also that you would be stirred up toward "holiness and godliness."