

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 23, 2013

This Week's Focus: Peter turns his attention to the “beloved” and reminds them that, in spite of scoffers who live lustfully and mock the truth, Christians are to be diligent and live their lives in light of the reality that Christ will return and judge the world.

This Week's Text: 2 Peter 3:1-10

*"In biblical thinking reminders grip the whole person, so that we are possessed again by the gospel and its truth, so that we are energized to live for the glory of God. **Thomas Schreiner***

*"Justice is an obvious expression of goodness. Wrongs righted, vindication, restoration, reparations, that which should be... being restored, that which shouldn't be... being extinguished or removed. The world being put right, truth winning out, clarity, honesty, lies being reveled, deception being ended, quarrels being forever settled. Rights finally having might. There is a bracing cleanness to justice. Who can deny this?" **Dr. Mark Dever***

Related Texts: 2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 3:12-15, Ezekiel 33:1, Mark 15:33, 1 Timothy 2:4, Proverbs 19:21, Psalm 115:3

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- What does the bible mean when it says we need to remember?
- How important is bible reading and why?
 - Do you thing the Old Testament is neglected? If so, why?
- What does the bible say about the “the day/judgment of the Lord”? Why is the doctrine of Christ’s bodily return in power and glory to judge the world essential to the gospel?
- Discuss the reasons why, when we move away from the truths of creation and/or judgment, we move toward skepticism and licentious.

- What is the significance of the word being present at the birth, cleansing, and judgment of the world?
- Have you faced a scoffer or scoffers in your daily life? When?
- What are some practical applications that stem from understanding God's perspective on time?
- What is one specific issue in your life today that would seem different if you understood that God's view of time is different than yours?
- Peter informs us that the final judgment hasn't already occurred because God is longsuffering toward sinners. What other passages help us to grasp this characteristic of God?
- There is a difference between God's will of decree and His will of desire. Why is this distinction vital to understanding Scripture correctly? Reference 1 Timothy 2:4, Proverbs 19:21, Psalm 115:3.
- Some argue that if God's decree permits evil, then He is responsible for it. Why is this view wrong?
- How would your life be different if you considered the coming judgment on a daily basis?
- How does God's patience and wish that no one perish motivate you to share the gospel with others?
- So much of this week's lessons should drive us to be deeply burdened for those who do not know Christ and will therefore experience the full weight of God's wrath. May God graciously refocus our hearts and reorient our minds.
 - Who is one person that you are intentionally seeking to share Christ with right now?
 - How does this passage help to refocus your attention on the importance of evangelism?
 - Pause, as a group, and pray for those who have been mentioned.

Gospel Celebration:

- Rejoice in the fact that on the cross, Jesus stood in our place and bore our judgment so that we don't have to.
- Celebrate His love and patience toward you.

Our Response:

- Pray for your un-saved family and friends.
- Decide today to be intentional in demonstrating and declaring the gospel.

Next Week's Text: 2 Peter 3:10-18