## "Living in Light of Christ's Return" – 2 Peter 3:1-13 Strong and Faithful: A Study of 2 Peter Discussion Questions

## • What are different practices we can employ to grow spiritually stronger?

- $\circ$  How can we get in spots where we feel plateaued spiritually?
- $\circ$   $\;$  What have you done in the past to jumpstart your spiritual growth?
- $\circ~$  Have you ever thought about Christ's return as a catalyst for your spiritual growth?
- Read 2 Peter 3:1-4 aloud.
  - What is the context of 2 Peter? What is the charge from the false teachers?
  - Is it easy for us to forget about Jesus' return? Why so?
  - Do you ever feel the way the false teachers are saying things are that Jesus really isn't coming back?
- Read 2 Peter 3:5-7 aloud.
  - What is Peter's response to the false teacher's charge that God isn't coming to judge at the end of time?
  - How can we let the truth of Jesus' return buoy our hopes when we despair at all the corruption, neglect, abuse, exploitation, etc. in the world today?
- Read 2 Peter 3:8-9 aloud.
  - What is Peter's response to the false teacher's charge that God's timing is wrong?
  - Why is God "waiting"? (Read Rom. 2:4 for help) What does this tell us about God's heart for the world?
  - How can we let the truth of God's timing impact our evangelistic fervor?
- Read 2 Peter 3:10-13 aloud.
  - How are the heavens and earth changed at the return of Jesus? What does this mean for death, sin, and sickness?
  - How does Peter in v. 11 want believers to apply this truth of Jesus' return? Why should our growth in "lives of holiness and godliness" be a goal?
  - What does this tell us about our gospel identity as citizens of the kingdom of God and our role in that kingdom until Jesus returns?
- What are others ways that living in light of Jesus' return can be catalytic for our spiritual growth?
  - $\circ$   $\;$  How can we be mindful in our daily lives of Jesus' coming?