

Renewed Mind Bible Studies

1 & 2 Peter - Session 10 (Exiles Who Remember)

2 Peter 1:12-21

(Use this sheet to take notes, reflect personally, and contribute to discussion.)

2 Peter 1:12–15 (Stirred Up by Reminders)

- The Greek word he uses is hupomnēsis (hoo-pom-NAY-sis), meaning a reminder or a calling back to _____.
- Most scholars think Peter is alluding to what Jesus told him back in John 21, an actual _____ of his martyrdom.
- For us today, this means we need to embrace reminders as a gift, not a nuisance.
- The Bible repeats itself a lot, but not because God stutters, but because we _____.
- “As you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.” The word for knowledge here is epignōsis (eh-pee-GNO-sis), which doesn’t just mean head knowledge or facts. It means a full, experiential _____.

Personal Insight:

- **Where in my life am I quick to “already know” but slow to remember and live it?**
- **What spiritual reminders (Scripture, habits, community) do I need to put back in front of me this week?**

2 Peter 1:16–18 (Eyewitness of His Majesty)

- The Greek word for “cleverly devised” is sophizō (so-FEE-zo), meaning cleverly spun tales, polished rhetoric, or crafted _____.
- The word is epoptēs (eh-POP-tace), means an _____, someone with direct personal vision of an event. It's a courtroom legal term. He’s talking about the Transfiguration (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9).
- Why does Peter bring this up? Because his readers were surrounded by skeptics who dismissed Christianity as just another religious fad. Rome was full of myths about _____.

gods showing up in disguise or tales of heroes turned divine. Peter says: this isn't like that. This isn't myth...it's the _____ of the one true King.

- Today, skeptics still say Christianity is just another myth among many. But Peter reminds us: it's actually rooted in history.

Personal Insight:

• **Where do I need to remember that my faith is grounded in reality, not just “clever stories”?**

• **How can I confidently share my faith as eyewitness testimony passed down, not just personal opinion?**

2 Peter 1:19 (The Prophetic Word Made Sure)

• The Greek phrase is *bebaioteron ton prophetikon logon* (beh-BYE-oh-tehr-on ton pro-fay-TEE-kon LOH-gon), meaning “the prophetic word made more sure, steadfast, reliable.” He’s not diminishing what he saw with his own eyes; he’s saying that what he saw confirmed the reliability of what the _____ had already said.

• _____ fade, but God’s Word stands forever.

• The verb is *prosechō* (pro-SEH-kho), meaning to hold firmly, to be devoted, to fasten yourself to something. He compares the Word to a lamp in a dark place. That word for “dark” is *auchmēros* (owkh-MAY-ros), meaning murky, squalid, _____.

• The “Day” is shorthand for the return of Christ, when the light of His glory will make lamps unnecessary. The “_____ Star” (Greek: *phōsphoros* — FOHS-fo-ros, literally “light-bringer”) was also a title for Venus, the brightest star that signals morning is near.

• Today we still hear people claim the role of “_____,” and while God can still speak through His people, Peter’s words remind us to test everything against Scripture. Modern prophets are not adding new revelation equal to the Bible...their role is to point us back to what God has already said and apply it with _____.

Personal Insight:

• **Where am I tempted to chase after new experiences, voices, or ideas instead of anchoring myself in God’s Word?**

• **How can I treat Scripture more like a lamp this week...something I rely on daily to guide my steps?**

2 Peter 1:20–21 (Inspired by God)

- The Greek word for “own interpretation” is *idias epilyseōs* (id-ee-AHS ep-ee-LOO-say-ohs), meaning one’s own unloosing or _____ explanation. In other words, the prophets weren’t just pulling ideas out of their own heads. And when he says it didn’t come from “human initiative,” the phrase is *thelēma anthrōpou* (THEH-lay-mah ahn-THROH-poo), meaning human will, intention, or desire.
- Peter says they were “moved by the Holy Spirit.” The Greek word is *pheromenoi* (fehr-OH-men-oy), literally “carried along.” It’s the same word used of a ship carried by the wind in _____ 27:15.
- Our role isn’t to _____ the Word, but to be mastered by it.
- While we hold the Bible as the Spirit-breathed Word of God, we also need to be careful not to treat the book itself as an idol. The goal isn’t to _____ the text, but to know the God it reveals.

Personal Insight:

- **Do I treat Scripture as optional advice or as the Spirit-breathed Word of God?**
 - **Where am I tempted to bend God’s Word to fit my will instead of letting it shape me?**
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Group Discussion Questions – Session 10 (Exiles Who Remember)

1. Peter says he wrote to “remind” his readers, even though they already knew the truth. Why do you think we need reminders in faith, and what truths do you personally need reminding of most often?
2. How does Peter’s eyewitness testimony of the Transfiguration strengthen your confidence in the reality of Jesus?

3. What does it mean for you to see Scripture as a “lamp shining in a dark place” in today’s culture? Where do you need that light most?

4. Peter insists that prophecy doesn't come from human will but from the Spirit. How can we practice discernment when it comes to modern voices that claim to speak for God?

5. How do we balance honoring the Bible as God's Word without letting it become an idol, making sure we still listen for the Spirit's leading in daily life?

Prayer Challenge for the Group:

Tonight, ask each person to name one truth from God's Word that they often forget or struggle to hold onto. As each person shares, have the group pray over them by name, asking the Spirit to write that truth deeply on their heart and bring it back to mind in moments of weakness. Pray for discernment as a group...that you would learn to recognize the Shepherd's voice clearly, reject voices that contradict His Word, and walk together in the light of Scripture and the Spirit.

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