

## VGROUP STUDY GUIDE

**"DON'T FORGET"**

**2 PETER 3: 1-10**

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**FOCAL POINT:** Have you ever forgotten something important like a birthday or your anniversary? (Share an example) How'd that go for you? Our text today is about the importance of NOT FORGETTING! There are some things that you should always remember (name some of them). Peter was telling Christians then (and it applies to us as well) of some things we should not forget.

### **TEXT:**

*Dear friends, this is now the second letter I have written to you; in both letters, I want to develop a genuine understanding with a reminder, **2** so that you can remember the words previously spoken by the holy prophets and the command of our Lord and Savior given through your apostles. **3** First, be aware of this: Scoffers will come in the last days to scoff, living according to their own desires, **4** saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? Ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they have been since the beginning of creation." **5** They willfully ignore this: Long ago the heavens and the earth were brought about from water and through water by the word of God. **6** Through these waters the world of that time perished when it was flooded. **7** But by the same word, the present heavens and earth are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. **8** Dear friends, don't let this one thing escape you: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. **9** The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. **10** But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief; on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed."*

Let's look at some important things Peter said not to forget. Don't forget:

### **You will have opponents** (vv. 1-3)

1. Why do you think it's important to know you'll face opposition? What does that allow you to do if you know it beforehand? Who were the opponents according to v. 3?

2. What is a "scoffer"? Why do people scoff, particularly at the things of God? Can you think of some examples?

3.The end of v. 3 shared a hint as to what was being scoffed at. Scoffers live according to their own desires. What desires are those? In v. 4 we're going to see they were scoffing at the idea of Jesus' return.

### **They will argue against you (vv. 4-6)**

1.Why do you think opponents of God and His Word desire to argue with us, with followers of Jesus? *Read 2 Peter 2: 13-14.* According to those verses what did they want?

2.They were looking for contradictions in what God's Word taught to devalue it so they could do what they wanted. In our text, how did they devalue God's Word?

3.How was their claim persuasive or not persuasive? What was Peter's response to their argument? How would you counter their argument using Scripture?

### **God will fulfill His Word (vv. 7-10)**

1.What are some promises from God that you (or others) struggle believing will be fulfilled? Why do we struggle with promises like these?

2.Look back at v. 7. What was it referring to? How do vv. 8-9 impact v. 7? God's timetable is different than ours. What seems like a long delay to us isn't much time to God.

3.What's the purpose for the delay in God keeping His promise to return? How does this narrative counter the idea that the God of Scripture is mean and wants to send people to hell?

4.Why are these things important for us not to forget?

*Let's share some important things we as Christians (as a church) need to constantly remember about God and His Word.*