

Sermon Discussion Questions: 2 Peter 3:3-18 – Trust Jesus with Your Life – 10.17.2021



Connect: (5-10 min) Do you clean your house for guests, or do they get what they get?

Daily Devotions: (15-25 min) Look over last week's SOAP. Which day of SOAP Bible reading stood out to you? What did you find interesting? How did the readings connect with what is happening in your life?

Keep the Conversation Going: (15-20 min) What stuck out to you or stuck with you from this week's sermon?

Read 2 Peter 3:3-4

Does it ever seem to you that God isn't at work, that time just passes without any major interruptions by God?

Why would a person who is following their own evil desires prefer to think that God doesn't actively intervene in history?

Read 2 Peter 3:5-7

Why would someone following their own evil desires deliberately forget or choose to disbelieve that God powerfully intervened through the creation and destruction of the world?

Which would be better/worse, destruction by water (cleansing) or destruction by fire (purification)?

Do these verses make it sound like God is eager to destroy? Do you think that is how people view God?

Read 2 Peter 3:8-9, 15

Do you think giving people more time provides opportunity to grow closer to God or to distance themselves from God?

Is God hoping to catch people in sin, call people to repentance, or a mixture of both?

Read 2 Peter 3:10-14

If someone filmed your entire life and created a highlight reel of everything you have done, what would be "laid bare" that you would want people to see and not want people to see?

How would knowing everything will be revealed impact how you live?

What would life be like if everyone had right relationships with God, with each other, with the earth, and with themselves?

How would it be different from today?

Read 2 Peter 3:15-16 (Also read Romans 5:18-6:4)

What excuses do Christians (like me and you) use for unholiness in their lives?

How good are you at rationalizing sin? What are some signals that you are distorting truth so that you might sin?

How does the use of excuses and rationalizing lead to self-destruction?

Read 2 Peter 3:17-18

How could the belief that one cannot lose their salvation make one complacent to the dangers of errors?

What advice would you give to someone who felt themselves slipping toward "lawlessness" and their strong faith in Jesus?

What do you think helps you to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"?

Mirror: (10 min)

Which of these better describes you? A) Overwhelmed by fear of God's holy judgment. B) Reckless out of lack of respect of God's holy judgement. C) Humbly striving for holiness out of knowing God's grace and his holy judgment through Jesus?

Take Away: (5-10 min)

Consider writing "Today? – Jesus" on a sticky note to remind you to live a holy and godly life because Jesus is coming back.

Share and Listen: (5-10 min). God speaks to his people through his people. If something caught your attention, stuck in your mind, or struck you, please share it. It could be for someone else. This works two ways. If someone is sharing, please listen. It could be God speaking to you.

Close in prayer: Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplication (Request)

- o A – Praise God for his grace demonstrated through Jesus and his holiness demonstrated through judgment.
- o C – Confess your sin as the Holy Spirit revealed through these verses.
- o T – Thank God for giving us Scripture to show us who God is and how-to live-in response.
- o S – Ask God to help you to live a holy and godly life, not making excuses or forgetting Jesus is returning.