

Study 3

Read 2 Peter 1:12-21

SUMMARY OF THE PASSAGE

God's truth is a vital ingredient for salvation and a holy life. In this section, Peter emphasizes how important and trustworthy it is. Teachers in the church have the responsibility of effectively instructing the people. Those who are taught have the responsibility to remember it and implement it. Scripture is so valuable because it came directly from God, by the Holy Spirit. It's not something that men came up with.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 1:20–21 (HCSB)—First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does Peter say he will always do (1:12)?
2. What is motivating Peter to stay faithful in his duty to remind other Christians (1:13–14)?
3. What does Peter hope his readers will be able to do after he's gone (1:15)?
4. What does Peter say that his teaching is not (1:16)?
5. What event is Peter describing in verses 17–18?
6. What does Peter compare "the prophetic word" to (1:19)?
7. What should be a Christian's response to "the prophetic word" (1:19)?
8. How does Peter say that Scripture came about (1:20–21)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How do you feel when the people you teach don't learn things the first time you tell them? How does this compare to Peter's attitude?

Which people in your life are you responsible to be teaching about the truth of Christ?

What are some major truths about life that you have learned from someone who has already passed away?

What are some major lessons you want to make sure you teach others before you die?

How does what Peter says about the Bible affect your attitude toward it?

1. Read 2 Peter 1:12-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does he promise to do for them in verse 12?

3. How does he refer to his body in verse 13?

4. What does he say is going to be happening to him soon in verse 14?

5. What two things did he make known to them, according to verse 16?

6. What did the Father say of the Son, according to verse 17?

7. What event does Peter refer to in verse 18?

8. How was “prophecy” given, according to verse 21?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is our responsibility to always be ready to encourage and exhort one another.

LESSON #2: Our body is like a tent that we lay aside at the hour of our death.

LESSON #3: Death should hold no fears for the believer because he is absent from the body and present with the Lord.

LESSON #4: Let us so live that we too will hear from the lips of our Father, This is my beloved child with whom I am well pleased.

LESSON #5: We are challenged to pay attention to the prophetic word.

LESSON #6: God the Father sometimes gives us a little glimpse of glory before we get there to encourage and to prepare us for our arrival.