



Dear Friends,  
A Study of 2nd Peter

## Group Questions | October 30 | Week 5

### CONNECTION

What does your mind typically drift to when you have time alone or when conversations fade away? What do you think about when you have nothing to do?

### TENSION

Can someone read 2 Peter 3:1-2? And Philippians 4:8?

What has your experience with the challenges from these verses been like throughout your life? Do you find it easy to think about wholesome things, things that are noble, pure, and admirable? Or is it easier to drift toward negative thinking?

Can someone read Romans 12:2?

I think it's fair to say if Paul is urging people "not to conform to the pattern of this world," it's because we all tend to do just that. But what do you think Paul means when he says the "pattern of this world?" And why do you think we often slip into this pattern ourselves?

### TRUTH

There's a delicate balance between the amount of time we spend in our heads and our hearts. Or the amount of time we spend on *how much we know and how much we love*.

Often, we spend more time making sure we have the proper knowledge. We care a lot more about *being right rather than being righteous*. And Jesus warns folks who thought they had everything figured out in their faith but let their heart for others fall to pieces.

Can someone read Matthew 25:31-46?

What stands out to you in these verses?

Can we see how the righteous in these verses were commended, not for their knowledge but for their love and compassion?

Can someone read John 13:34-35? And Romans 12:18?

If we are to be known by our love and do everything we can to live at peace with others, how should the truth of these verses affect how we interact with false teaching or anyone we disagree with, for that matter?

## **APPLICATION**

As we wrap up this series, it would be wise to consider how we can apply what Peter has taught. What have you learned through this series that has challenged you?

Can someone read 2 Peter 3:8-9?

If God has remained patient in his timing so that more may come to know him, how should that influence how we interact with people who either don't believe at all or are Christians but have fallen for some sort of false teaching?

One way to summarize this book is that we should confirm our calling as Christ's followers by growing in our grace and knowledge of Jesus; that is, we should grow to be more like Jesus. And not only will false teachers come our way, but we should not let them affect the way we live and love as Christians.

So for the sake of application...

- How can you grow in your Christ-likeness?
- And how should you act when false teachers (or anyone who doesn't believe what you believe) shows up in your life?

## **PRAY**