



PETER

THE MARTYR

Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week One

This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue,
and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control,
and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,
and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

- 2 Peter 1:5-7

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Devotional Reading

Do you know anyone who is simply hard to believe?

Maybe his story of catching a fish gets more exaggerated with each telling. Maybe he's fooled you once, and you know what they say about being fooled twice. With some people, we learn to take things with a grain of salt.

But if we're really honest, do we sometimes view the Bible this way? It tells, with serious tones of historical fact, of a sea being parted, a man surviving three days inside a fish, and God being born as a baby boy. If someone told us these things happened today, most of us would probably react with our fair share of skepticism.

Peter sensed this same seed of doubt in his disciples when it came to his teachings about Jesus. So he gave them some great reasons to believe. First, he reminded them that he was an eyewitness of Jesus. Not just of Jesus' life in general, but specifically that moment on the Mountain of Transfiguration in Mark 9:2-7 when the Father revealed Jesus' glory and deity. Second, he reassured them that the promises of Scripture are not man-made, but that God himself had spoken prophetically through his people.

When you struggle with doubts, may God give you confidence in his word, that it would be like "a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."

Faith In Action

1 Peter 3:15 calls us to "be prepared to give a defense for the faith that is in you." Take some time to write in a journal or notebook your response to the questions, Why do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Why do you believe the words of the Bible?

Today's Prayer

Lord, I confess that on my own I am tossed around by doubts. Please give me faith and lead me to the truth, that I may fully trust in you and believe your word.