



PETER

THE MARTYR

Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week Two

This Week's Memory Verse

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

They promise them freedom,
while they themselves are slaves of depravity –
for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.

- 2 Peter 2:19

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 2:18-19; 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Devotional Reading

Think about when you first believed in the saving power of Christ.

Did you feel vulnerable? Susceptible to lies? Not exactly sure what to believe? Without a solid biblical foundation yet, you may have been an easy target for false teachers to try and deceive you.

In 2 Peter 2:19, Peter states that false teachers aim to entice those “who are just escaping from those who live in error.” New or young believers are the most vulnerable to false teachings. But even this does not ensure that a seasoned believer cannot succumb to the lure of a false teacher. This is one of the many reasons why discipleship within the church is so important!

In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, he reminds them how he disciplined them: “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.”

To share our lives is an intense and difficult prospect. Think back on your spiritual journey. It is likely there was someone who guided and mentored you in the early days of your belief so you would not fall under false teachings. As we mature, he calls us to do the same for others.

Faith In Action

Think about the people in your life right now. Is God directing you to go deeper with someone younger in his or her faith than you? If you can't think of anyone, keep your heart open to the possibility. Either way, pray that the Lord would show you who he wants you to disciple in his timing.

Today's Prayer

Lord, we are so thankful for the people that you have put in our life that have taught us more about you. Help us to make the kinds of deep friendships that allow us to share our lives with someone. Help us to show another person your love and to lead them closer to you.