



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 2:4-10

Devotional Reading

With a position of authority comes much responsibility.

People in any kind of leadership position have the power to sway the beliefs and actions of others, be it the President, a pastor, or a small group leader. Therefore, it is the responsibility of a leader to be seeking truth and leading with it in mind.

At the beginning of 2 Peter 2, Peter makes it clear that false teachers will bring "upon themselves swift destruction." He then lists the harsh punishments God poured out in the Old Testament, such as the great flood to Sodom and Gomorrah, as examples of the punishment awaiting false teachers.

Peter also points out that God allowed the righteous to survive and prosper like he "preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness." We can trust that the Lord "knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment." If we are righteous leaders, God will bless our efforts and spread his truth to our followers.

Most of us are in some kind of influential position, whether we are a parent to a child, a teacher, a leader or even just a friend who has influence over another friend. We need to examine our hearts to ensure that we are leading those around us to the Lord and his righteousness and protection.

Faith In Action

Whom do you lead, whether formally or informally? Think about not only the words you say, but also your actions. With the way you live are you leading those under your influence to the Lord or away?

Today's Prayer

Lord, show us our hearts. Make us mindful of the ways we are leading others. Give us the strength to correct our words and actions so that we can lead with righteousness and your truths at the forefront.