



THE END

Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week 2

This Week's Memory Verse

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

...that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets
and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles...

- 2 Peter 3:2

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:3-6; Jude 18-23

Devotional Reading

There are many people in our culture that scoff at biblical truth, from outspoken individuals to vocal groups.

In 2 Peter 3:3-6 we learn that scoffers will emerge in the last days. They come following their own sinful desires and they question the coming of Christ.

Peter makes reference to the truths these scoffers overlook. First, he mentions how the earth was “formed out of water and through water by the word of God,” which we see in Genesis 1:6-10. Second, that the “world that then existed was deluged with water” as mentioned in the story of the flood in Genesis 7:17-24. Perhaps what is being brought into question is God as the creator and the one who will judge. These scoffers attempt to create doubt among believers about who our God is at his core (Creator and Sovereign One).

Jude 18 and 19 further describe these scoffers as “following their own ungodly passions”, that “it is these who cause divisions,” and that they are “worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.” These scoffers are false teachers seeking to cause divisions within the church however they can.

Jude 20-23 describes how we can minimize the influence of these scoffers that will come in the last days. We are encouraged to build ourselves up in the faith while praying in the Holy Spirit, keep ourselves in the love of God while waiting for the mercy of Christ and have mercy on those who doubt while saving others from the fire and showing mercy without fear to others.

May God protect us from the influence of scoffers and unify the body of Christ as the end draws near.

Faith In Action

Take a look at Jude 20-23. In which of these aspects of living the Christian faith do you want to grow? Choose one to act on today and in the coming week.

Today's Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to know your word and know what is true. We ask that you protect us as your people from those who scoff and those who will come scoffing at your truth. Give us discernment and keep our thoughts pure, as we seek to build others up in their faith!