

Coffee Talk

Week Nine

The Epistle of 2nd Peter

~ Encourage ~

~ Strengthen ~

~ Share ~

You'll be *encouraged* as you hear each story of trial and growth, faith and grace, love and healing.

You'll be *strengthened* as you complete our simple and uplifting Bible study.

You'll *share* your growing joy and faith with others!

It's *contagious!*

Welcome!

We're glad you're here. Coffee Talk is the summer series for our Faith & Fellowship women's ministry at LMCC. Each week we meet and hear teaching from God's word as well as testimonies of women like you who have lived and moved through challenges and have found strength and hope in God and through His Word. We love to connect in person and online through social media.

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Discussion Questions

August 7/8

Just for fun...

- If you found out that a distant relative passed away and left you an inheritance of one million dollars and an estate...What would you do with the money, and where would you dream that this estate would be?

Think and share...

- Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. For those who have given their lives to Jesus as Lord, we get a "living hope" and an "inheritance that is imperishable." How is our hope and our inheritance different than the what you see unbelievers hoping for?
- Read 1 Peter 2:9 Who does Peter remind us (Christians) that we are? What impact should that have on our behavior in the world and our bigger purpose in life? Use scripture to support your answer.
- Read 1 Peter 2:16-17 How should Christians, who have been liberated by Christ, show that freedom in our relationships? To help with this discussion, have a group member read the following, then discuss:
 - 1 Peter 2:13-17
 - 1 Peter 3:1-4
 - 1 Peter 3:7
- Share any thoughts you have from this week's study that might help the discussion as well.

“God’s Faithfulness”

with Teresa Mestas

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Coffee Talk Summer Study

Week Nine~ The Epistle of 2 Peter

This study is designed to offer daily time in the Word of God for the purpose of understanding better who God is and in so doing knowing ourselves and our purpose better. This is a simple, light study to give you an overview of Scripture and an exposure to thinking biblically and studying exegetically.

We'll read, think, pray, write, consider, and apply the truths and concepts we find in the Word of God. Use any version of the Bible you're comfortable with. I recommend the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible. You can also use a smartphone app, but getting the Bible into your hands will elevate your experience, so I strongly advise you use a good ol' fashioned Bible. Be willing to write and highlight and take notes in your Bible. Set aside time every day, and grow in the discipline of actual study. Join the online Bible study community, or study on your own. Amazing rewards await those who take the time to read and study God's Word.

Lots of ways to join the study in community:

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~ This Week's Focus ~

The true hope of all believers is in the coming return of Jesus as our ultimate deliverer. We must wait, and we must wait well growing in the grace and knowledge of Him during this time.

Overview:

- Day One – Read through 2 Peter
- Day Two – Chapter One – Two sessions.
- Day Three – Chapter Two
- Day Four – Chapter Three – Two sessions

Day One – Read and Take Notes through 2nd Peter

Read 2 Peter. Use the next pages to guide your reading. Write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture. **Before you read**, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word ([Psalm 119:18](#)) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading.

...Active Reading Notes...

Read the following prompts BEFORE YOU READ 2nd Peter. Then, while you read, write in your responses. Make any other notes and observations as well. Let's go!

1. To whom is this letter written?

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2. Why is Peter writing this letter? Consider the big picture/themes as well as his personal motivation – 1:12-156)

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3. What does Peter write against throughout this letter?
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4. What other biblical authors, prophets, or people does Peter refer to? (generally or by name)
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5. Note any references to Jesus in this epistle. What can you learn about Peter's relationship with Christ from these passages? Write the references along with your observations:
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6. How would you summarize the message of this book in one or two sentences?
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Day Two – 2 Peter 1:1-21

NOTE: Today's lesson is longer than usual. Consider completing it in two sessions. Before you read, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading. [Read 2 Peter 1:1-21](#). Review your notes from day one, and add any new insights, questions, or comments you have.

- Part One -

1. Read 2 Peter 1:1-2.
| What does Peter's blessing tell you about grace and peace? (v2)
2. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4
| What have we been granted?

How have we been granted this?

3. The Greek word translated “excellence” is “ἀρετή” (ar-e-tay) which refers to all the desirable qualities of God. What does this (2 Peter 1:3-4) tell you about the nature of God and His will for us? Consider also [1 Peter 1:16](#).

4. Read 2 Peter 1:5-12

List the qualities that are ours and should be increasing; then highlight every mention of the phrase “these qualities” in your Bible.

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

5. What are some ways a Christian might feel “ineffective?” (Review 1 Peter 3:15)

Have you ever felt this way? Explain:

6. Why might a Christian feel “unfruitful?”

Have you ever felt this way? Explain:

7. Look up and write the definition of “nearsighted” from a [dictionary](#):

How does this literal definition relate to Peter’s message?

Maybe you’ve heard the expression, “You can’t see the forest through the trees.” Apply this to your life as a Christian either as a warning of what not to do or as an experience you have had before:

- Part Two -

8. Read 2 Peter 1:9-11 and make note of how we might behave and think versus how we should behave and think as it relates to our past, present, and future:

Past: (v9)

Present: (v10)

Future: (v11)

9. Peter and Jesus had a special relationship. This is clear from Peter's first encounter with Christ (Luke 5) and at the end of Christ's earthly ministry as well. Read [John 21:15-19](#) and note how this prophecy is coming true in Peter's life as he writes this epistle:

Consider looking for information on how Peter died and writing notes here or in your Bible.

10. What does 2 Peter 1:15 reveal to you about his heart toward the Christians reading his letter?

Compare this verse with 1 Peter 3:15. What phrases are similar in each verse and would you say is a high priority to Peter?

If you could tell Peter a great way to help you "be able to at any time recall these things," what recall method would you recommend?

Pause here and select a verse from chapter one to commit to memory. As you memorize it, why not share your progress, inspiration, thoughts about it with others in this study. Post it on social media. Encourage one another to memorize God's word. Write your verse here:

11. Read 2 Peter 1:16-18 What does Peter warn against, and what is the foundation of Peter's passionate preaching?

12. This account is referred to as the “Transfiguration” and is recorded in [Matthew 17](#), [Mark 9](#), and [Luke 9](#). Read these accounts and describe in words or a drawing what Peter experienced and the result it had on his life. Also list the others who witnessed it: _____ and _____ **NOTE:** These two are the “we” to whom Peter refers for the remainder of this chapter.

13. Read 2 Peter 1:19-21 Where is the truth of Jesus anchored?

How is biblical prophecy produced?

Bible Study Tip
Highlight verses pertaining to God in dark blue, the Holy Spirit in light blue, and Jesus in red.

14. Go back through chapter one and make note of any verses that show the triune Godhead (God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

Day Three – 2 Peter 2:1-22

Before you read, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading. [Read 2 Peter 2:1-22](#). Review your notes from day one, and add any new insights, questions, or comments you have.

1. Read 2 Peter 2:1-3 What warning does Peter give about false prophets?

Which false prophet does he remind the reader of later in this chapter?
_____ (Read Numbers 22 for the full account.)

2. Do you see evidence of false prophets among us today? Explain:

If you don't, perhaps you should! There certainly are many false prophets from blatant cult leaders like [Joseph Smith of the Mormons](#) to the inspirational and somewhat biblical [Joyce Meyer](#) who claims the name of Christ but teaches heresy about who He is. Pray for wisdom and discernment in this area so you are

not gullible and “tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine.”
(Ephesians 4:14)

3. Read 2 Peter 2:4-8. Highlight each “If God.../If He...” statement in this passage.
What sin did angels commit and what was the consequence?

What sin did the “ancient world” commit? _____ Who was spared
and what was the consequence for the rebellious? _____

What sin did Sodom and Gomorrah commit? _____
Who was spared and why?

4. Read 2 Peter 2:9-10 If God didn’t spare the angels, ancient world, or
Sodom/Gomorrah...What does He know to do:

for the righteous...

for the unrighteous...

5. Read 2Peter 2:10-22. Outline the sin and the consequence of the unrighteous:

Draw a picture to illustrate the overall concept of this passage. Why not share it? Post
on social media and tag #lmccwomen #dwellingrichly

6. Write 2 Peter 2:19a

What are examples of things that could “overcome” a person?

What is the consequence of this?

How have you seen this verse to be true in your own life or the life of a loved one?

Close your time in prayer today asking God specifically for any needs in your own life especially related to the truths you learned in this chapter.

Day Four – 2 Peter 3:1-18

Before you read, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading. [Read 2 Peter 2:1-22](#). Review your notes from day one, and add any new insights, questions, or comments you have.

- Part One -

1. Read chapter 3 and highlight every reference Peter makes to his reader. How does Peter refer to us? _____
2. Read 2 Peter 3:1-3 What does Peter want his readers to know for certain?

3. Read 2 Peter 3:4 What does Peter say that the scoffers will claim?

Have you heard this scoffing today, or have you ever wondered about this yourself?
Explain:

4. Read 2 Peter 3:5-7 Outline what “they” (the scoffers) “deliberately overlook:”

5. Read 2 Peter 3:8-10 By contrast, what should believers do?

6. What does 2 Peter 3:9 say about the heart and will and nature of God?

7. How will 2 Peter 3:9 be an encouragement and reminder to you today in what you are facing? Write or illustrate your response here:

Read [Romans 2:4](#). How are Paul's and Peter's teachings similar?

- Part Two -

8. What is Peter referring to by "all these things" in 3:11?

9. Read Isaiah 34. What metaphors does Isaiah use to explain the coming "day of the Lord." (especially 34:4)

10. What do [Isaiah 65:17](#) and [Revelation 21:1-22:5](#) say about the New Heavens and New Earth?

11. What should we be doing, in light of the Lord's return?

12. If you've ever read Paul's epistles (Romans in particular) perhaps you can relate to Peter's comment. What does Peter say about Paul's teachings in 2 Peter 3:15-16?

The false teachers from chapter two are doing what to Paul's teaching?

13. What should the faithful believer do with God's word?

14. How are you doing in this area today? What changes in your habits, lifestyle, scheduling, relationships, etc. can you make to draw closer to God, to be "found by him without spot of blemish, and at peace?"

Do you have an accountability partner you can share this with? Why not reach out to her today?

15. On the following page, write out Peter's tenderhearted final encouragement from 2 Peter 3:17b-18a and illustrate the imagery (here or in your Bible) that speaks to you from these verses.

1 Peter 3:17b-18a

~ Notes ~

*You are loved
and prayed for.*

