

People Get Ready

2 Peter 3:1-10

Big Idea: Are you ready for Christ's return? It could happen any moment. Remember God's prophecies & promises—He always keeps His word. Don't be a scoffer; open your heart to Jesus. The flood was real, and judgment will come again. God is patient, but the day of the Lord will come like a thief. Be prepared!

Key Takeaways:

1. We need to remember and be reminded of God's prophecies and promises.
2. Scoffers will doubt Christ's return, following their own sinful desires.
3. The global flood in Noah's time was a historical fact, supporting God's ability to judge the earth.
4. God is not limited by time and is patient, wanting all to come to repentance.
5. Jesus will return unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

Scriptures:

- ☐ Matthew 24:37-44
- ☐ John 14:6
- ☐ Acts 4:12
- ☐ Ephesians 2:8-9
- ☐ Genesis 1-2; 6-9
- ☐ Isaiah 9; 53
- ☐ Revelation 7:9
- ☐ Romans 10:13

Opening Question:

In our daily lives, what are some things we often find ourselves waiting for, and how do we stay prepared or patient during those times?

Discussion Questions:

Why does Peter emphasize the importance of remembering prophecies and promises? How can we keep God's Word fresh in our minds?

The sermon mentioned "scoffers" who doubt Christ's return. Have you encountered this attitude? How can we respond lovingly to those who mock our faith?

Discuss the concept that "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years." How does this change your perspective on God's timing and patience?

The sermon suggested that Jesus' return could be imminent. How does this affect your daily life and priorities?

What does it mean to "stay awake" and be ready for Christ's return? How can we practically apply this in our lives?

How do you balance the desire for Christ's quick return with the hope for more people to come to faith?

Practical Applications:

1. Commit to a daily Bible reading plan to stay grounded in God's promises and prophecies.
2. Practice sharing your faith with others, being prepared to give a reason for the hope you have in Christ's return.
3. Evaluate your priorities and lifestyle. Are there areas that need adjustment in light of Christ's imminent return?
4. Create a prayer list for non-believing friends and family members, committing to pray for their salvation regularly.
5. Study more about biblical prophecy and end-times events to deepen your understanding and strengthen your faith.
6. Encourage one another in the group to live with an eternal perspective, making decisions that have lasting impact for God's kingdom.
7. Plan a group activity to serve others or share the gospel, acting on the urgency of Christ's return.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

May we remain alert and steadfast in our faith, continually ready for Christ's return and eager to share His truth with a world in need.
