

12 N Bible Study - Jan. 11, 2023

SESSION 5

WITH TRUST

God's Word is trustworthy in all ways.



UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT

USE THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO PREPARE FOR YOUR GROUP TIME.

Peter wrote 2 Peter to Christians who were living in a society with competing claims about the source of religious truth. Furthermore, Peter warned his readers about false teachers who would come into the church to spread teachings destructive to the believers' faith (see chap. 2). The apostle knew his readers' faith and experience needed to be grounded in the trustworthy and inspired Word of God. These original readers of 2 Peter likely came from a Gentile background. They hadn't been taught the Scriptures as those with a Jewish background would have been. Thus, Peter thought it essential to provide an understanding of what the Scriptures really are.

In 1:12-15 Peter explained that he wanted his original readers to be able to recall God's truth after his death, which was at hand. He went on to note His own experiences with Jesus during His life on earth. Eyewitness testimony in the Gospels is one factor that contributes to our accepting the reliability of what the evangelists recorded (see vv. 16-18). At last Peter got to the main point: God's written Word is the result of God's speaking through humans. Therefore, it's reliable and true, and we can depend on its truthfulness (see vv. 19-21).

"FAITH IS TAKING THE
FIRST STEP, EVEN WHEN
YOU DON'T SEE THE
WHOLE STAIRCASE."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

➤ 2 PETER 1:12-21

Think About It

*Notice the different types
or sources of revelation
that Peter identified.*

*How does each type
or source compare
with the others?*

*What makes one more
reliable than the other?*

12 I will always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are established in the truth you have. **13** I consider it right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder, **14** knowing that I will soon lay aside my tent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has also shown me. **15** And I will also make every effort that you may be able to recall these things at any time after my departure. **16** For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **17** For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory:

This is My beloved Son.

I take delight in Him!

18 And we heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain. **19** So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed. You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **20** First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, **21** because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

JANUARY 11

Friendship Refreshes the Soul

*The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as
sweet as perfume and incense.*

PROVERBS 27:9 (NLT)

REFLECT ON THE special people in your life—loved ones, friends, neighbors. Thank God for the many ways others have brightened dark days and helped you in times of need. Ask Him to show you where you can bless others with kindness.

Dear God, thank You for blessing me with Your friendship and love.
