

2 Peter 3:14-18 Discussion Questions

1. Peter ends this letter by summarizing what we ought to do as we wait for the Lord's return. What are the key things that he tells us to do as we wait?

2. What kinds of thoughts or emotions are stirred in you when you read or hear Peter's exhortation?

- a. Why do you think you respond this way?
- b. Given the tall order of Peter's closing comments, it is natural for many of us to feel a bit overwhelmed or even defeated and apathetic when we read Peter's words. If none of us can be perfect in this life, why would Peter instruct us to "to be diligent to be found by" God in a state of moral spotlessness and blamelessness? Is it mere rhetoric or does he really mean it?

3. Peter refers to the "ignorant and unstable" and "lawless" who twist the teaching of Scriptures. It seems like he is referring to those who presume upon the grace of God and use it as an excuse for lawless living.

- a. How have you learned to balance living in God's grace with still pursuing spiritual maturity and perfection?
- b. Do you think you tend to err more on the side of pursuing righteousness or resting upon God's grace?
- c. What is the danger of overemphasizing one over the other? How have you seen this play out in your own life?
- d. How has God brought you along and taught you to both pursue righteousness and trust in His grace?

4. How have you been growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ this year? In what ways and areas has God been working more clearly and growing you?

- a. What has this process looked like?

5. As we finish 2 Peter, where and in what ways do you feel that God is calling you to grow right now?

6. As you reflect upon this series in both 1 and 2 Peter, what has God taught you or been teaching you through this study?