

2 Peter

“Call These Things to Mind” – 2 Peter 1:12 – 15



Sermon Discussion Guide

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STUDY NOTES

I will always remind you (v.12). Many scholars classify 2 Peter as a “testament” – a book, or part of a book, in which a person makes a final speech from his or her deathbed.

These things (v.12). Outstanding coaches constantly review the basics of the sport with their teams, and good athletes can execute the fundamentals consistently well. Believers must not neglect the basics of their faith, even as they go on to study deeper truths.

Put it aside (v.14). Peter knew he would die soon. Many years before, Christ has prepared Peter for the kind of death Peter would face (see John 21:18,19). At this time, Peter knew that death was at hand. Peter was martyred for the faith in A.D. 68. According to one tradition, he was crucified upside down, at his own request, because he did not feel worthy to die in the same manner as his Master.

1. Have you gone tent camping? How would you describe your experience? Was it comfortable/uncomfortable? If you have not gone tent camping, is there a specific reason why you have not considered doing this?

Read 2 Peter 1:12 – 15.

In his weekend message, Matt shared that the second “person” of the Godhead came to earth with His tent. The Holy Spirit came to dwell among us and we allow the Spirit to dwell in our tent. We must never forget that we have “company” in our tent. Therefore, Peter wanted to remind his readers of how they were to live in their tent.

2. In what did Peter say his readers were established (v.12)?
 - a) What truth is Peter referring to?
 - b) Why is it important for us to be reminded?
 - c) What can each of us do to ensure that we receive this reminder daily? How does this group help remind you?
3. What did Peter think it was right for him to do (v.13)?
 - a) What action is Peter taking to “stir us up?”
 - b) Have you written any notes/letters to family or friends to encourage them in their Christian walk?
 - c) Have you received any notes/letters that have provided you with encouragement in your walk? How did these notes/letter impact your Christian walk?

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4. What did Peter know that would happen soon (v.14)?

Discuss how Christians face departure from their earthly dwelling (tent) for a heavenly one vs how a non-Christian faces their departure. What are the similarities? What are the differences? What makes the differences important?

5. What did Peter want his audience to be able to do after he had died (v.15)?

In Romans 11:4, we read "By faith Abel..... Still speaks, even though he is dead". How do both Peter and Abel "speak" to us today?

6. Just as Peter describe his life like living in a tent, describe your life as you inhabit in your tent.

a) Are you always pulling up your stakes and moving on? If yes, what is/has been the cause of the move? Have the moves reflected your Spiritual growth or spiritual setbacks?

b) Just as wind and rain threaten what's inside a tent, how would you rate your resistance to external forces that threaten your spiritual life? What strength do you draw upon to resist those winds?

c) Why do some individuals find your tent cozy and others find it cold? Do you think there are things that you can do to make your tent cozy for all?

d) What can you do to allow the Holy Spirit to shine forth from your tent?