



2 Peter 2.1–10a – Precious Promises... That Will Save You From Destruction

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. How do we respond when things that are precious to us are threatened? What would those things be for you?
2. How does this help us understand the attention Peter gives to false teachers / teaching in chapter 2? What and who is precious to him?
3. Looking at vv1-3, draw out and discuss the key features of this false teaching.
4. The false teachers are undermining the authority of the Lord Jesus in our lives (see v2b and v10a) by encouraging disobedience to him. Considering the talk on Sunday, how does this “drag us back to Genesis 3” and undermine the gospel of Jesus?
5. Considering your answers to the last two questions, how does this clarify the importance of identifying and resisting false teaching in our own day?
6. Reflect on what Peter is doing in vv4-9. What's his technique for correcting the false teaching of his day and how is that instructive for us?
7. In our day-to-day lives, what practical steps can we take to keep our focus on the truth of the Bible and not be swayed by teachings that may be popular but are contrary to God's word?
8. Peter had himself “denied the sovereign Lord” (v1). How does this affect how we read Peter's words here? How should we feel about and behave towards false teachers?
9. What are the promise and the warning in v9? How do these speak to you?
10. If we truly believe that promise and that warning, what difference would that make to (a) our experience of false teaching in the church and (b) how we live towards non-Christians.

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other