



2 Peter 2:10b-22 – Precious Promises... That Bring Real Humanity and Freedom

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. I would suggest you read 2:1-3 with v10-22 and then zoom in on v10b-22.

1. What threats do you guard yourself or others against? Why? How?

Like a graphic warning on a cigarette box, Peter wants to show us what false teachers are really like and the harm they cause, so that we are on guard against them...

2. V10b-12: How does Peter describe the false teachers and what does he compare them to?

3. V13-17: What drives the false teachers? How does this make sense of Peter comparing them to animals?

4. Peter is warning us about animal-like false teachers who serve their own desire for pleasure and cause others harm. By contrast - how does this help us appreciate Jesus?

5. Peter stresses what lies in store for these false teachers (v12b, v13a, v17). Why do we need to know that false teachers (unless they repent) are heading for terrible judgment?

6. V18-19: How do the false teachers operate and why are they successful at enticing people? In view of this, why might false teaching appeal to *us*?

7. V20-22 are sad verses. Why is false teaching so disastrous for those who are enticed by it?

8. We all want freedom – but 'freedom' is a very ambiguous word. What kind of freedom is (a) promised to us by false teaching (b) promised to us by Jesus? Which kind of freedom is truly freeing and desirable?

9. How can you let yourself be 'enticed' by Jesus and his gospel promises this week?

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