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2 Peter 3:1–10 – Precious Promises... Being Patiently Kept

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) Think of a time when you've had a 'big day' coming up that you've had to prepare for. It may be in the past or one you have coming up. How did knowing that day was coming affect what you did as you anticipated it?
- 2) What danger is Peter warning the Christians about in verses 3-4?
- 3) The false teachers are denying that "the day of the Lord will come" (v10) because they are "following their own evil desires" (v3), preferring to be unaccountable to God and because they "deliberately forget" (v5) that God's powerful word has promised that day will come. To what extent do you think we today are at risk of deliberately forgetting this promise?
- 4) What does Peter tell us to (a) "recall", v2 and (b) "not forget" (v8-10)? How will these things help keep us from disbelieving that the day of the Lord will come?
- 5) What does v9 show us about the character of God? And how does this affect how we think about him and the day of his judgment?
- 6) On Sunday we were challenged that "You think your thoughts; you live your beliefs." What might it look like for someone to live out the belief that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief"?
- 7) Review your week. What opportunities have you had to point people to Jesus or encourage people to change their minds about him (aka repent)? Share about any such opportunities you've:
 - (a) taken and what you did
 - (b) let slide by and what you wish you had done.
- 8) "This is the day of the Lord's patience. Use it well." Look to the week ahead... What opportunities can you anticipate and how do you hope to use them?

Respond to God's word in prayer. You might like to use this prayer: "Lord, empower us to live today/each day in the way we will wish we had done when we come to die. Amen"

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

Take some time to pray for each other