

Persist with Patience

2 Peter 3

“Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written them both to stimulate you to wholesome thinking”

- Recall** - the Bible *is* God’s word it’s to be trusted.
Verses 1-2
- Understand** - people *will* mock God’s word
and understand why they do that.
Verses 3-7
- Don’t forget** - God has set a Day to judge the world.
God will act despite the perceived delay.
God is patient be patient.
God is waiting to save.
God will do this in his time.
Verses 8-10
- Live and Rest** - as those who have been saved
and will be saved.
Verse 11
- Look forward** - to the Day God will judge the world.
Verse 12-14
- Evangelise** - the unsaved.
Let them know how to be right with God.
Verse 15
- Be on your guard** - against the deception and danger of false
teachers and their teaching.
Verses 16-17
- Be found growing** - in the grace and knowledge of Jesus as
your Lord and the One who has saved you.
Verse 18

A Bible Study – 2 Peter 3

Pray: Open with a prayer asking God to teach you from His word.

Read: 2 Peter Chapter 3

Questions:

1. Be honest with yourself and the group have there been times when you have become impatient with God? Does Christ’s delay in returning frustrate you? Why?
2. What reason did Peter give for writing this letter? (See verse 1 and verses 17 and 18) What do you think he means?
3. To help us persist with patience what realities about people, and life in general in the present and the future does Peter remind us of? (See verses 3 to 7)
4. What reason does Peter give for Christ’s delay in returning? Will it be predicable and obvious? (See verses 8 to 10; See also 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)
5. Knowing Christ will return and the ungodly will be judged and punished in the way they will what kind of people are we to be while we wait? (See verses 11 to 14; also 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7)
6. What does verse 15 suggest about evangelism?
7. Sometimes passages in the Bible are difficult to understand. Peter found some of Paul’s writings difficult. But what does Peter warn us against? (See verse 16)
8. Think back over the second letter of Peter. What have you learnt about God? Share your thoughts with your group then pray.

Close with prayer.