

Community Group Leader Guide

July 26, 2026 | Focus on the Facts | 2 Peter 3:1–18

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Quick Recap

On Sunday, we stepped briefly into the book of 2nd Peter to gain a view of the coming Day of The Lord while also framing up how we should presently live our lives in view of that. Peter doesn't tell us about that Day so we can build a chart or win an argument. He tells us so we will build lives marked by holiness, godliness, peace, expectancy, and continued growth in Jesus.

Icebreaker Question

What is something obvious that you completely overlooked until someone pointed it out?

Starting Questions

1. Where are you most tempted to get distracted by details and overlook what God has already made clear?
2. Where have you struggled to recognize God's activity because life seemed ordinary or unchanged?

Deeper Questions

Read 2 Peter 3:1–7

1. The scoffers treated ordinary life as evidence that God was absent. Where are people tempted to make that same assumption today?
2. Peter points back to creation, the flood, and God's sustaining Word. How does remembering what God has already done help us trust Him in the present?

Read 2 Peter 3:8–10 and 15

1. What does this passage teach us about the difference between God's timing and ours?
2. What is the difference between seeing God's delay as silence and seeing it as patience?
3. How does God's patience reveal His character?
4. How should the reality that God's patience is aimed at repentance affect the way we view people who are far from Him?
5. Who in your life needs you to keep praying, loving, inviting, or sharing the gospel because the invitation is still open?

Read 2 Peter 3:11–14

1. Peter asks, “What sort of people ought you to be?” How would you answer that question from these verses?
2. What does it look like to be expectant for Jesus without becoming fearful, frantic, or obsessed with speculation?
3. How should the promise of a new heaven and new earth shape the way we live today?

Read 2 Peter 3:15–18

1. What does it practically look like to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus?
2. Where might you be depending on yesterday’s faith rather than growing in your relationship with Jesus today?
3. Where do you need to stand firm this week?

Action Steps

1. Name one good or temporary thing that has started competing with the main thing in your life. Surrender it to God this week.
2. Choose one person who needs the gospel and take one intentional step toward them through prayer, an invitation, encouragement, or a spiritual conversation.
3. Identify one specific way to live with greater holiness, urgency, peace, or gospel purpose this week.
4. Spend time remembering what God has already done in your life. Write down a few examples and thank Him for His faithfulness.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for anyone who is struggling to trust God’s timing.
- Pray for prodigals, unbelieving friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family members.
- Pray for spiritual stability and continued growth in grace.
- Pray for courage to live with urgency without fear or speculation.
- Pray that God will reveal anything temporary that has become too central in our lives.
- Pray that each person will recognize and obey the next clear step God has placed in front of them.