



**LIVE
READY**

2 PETER 1:12–21

“TRUTH YOU CAN TRUST”

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OPENING

Ice Breaker – 5 minutes

Choose one:

- Have you ever been in a moment where you urgently needed something reliable (GPS, directions, advice, equipment)?
- Why do you think people today struggle to know what is true?

Peter writes to believers surrounded by confusion, pressure, and competing voices. His message is simple: if we want to live ready, we need truth we can trust.

Read the Text Together: 2 Peter 1:12–21

Read 2 Peter 1:12–21 aloud together. Listen for:

- Why Peter keeps reminding them
- How Peter defends the truth of the gospel
- What Peter says about Scripture

SUMMARY

Peter knows his death is near, so he writes to strengthen believers facing false teaching and spiritual drift. He reminds them that stability does not come from novelty, trends, or human wisdom—it comes from trusting God’s truth. Pastor Jeff highlighted four reasons God’s truth can steady us:

- Trust truth you already know — We often do not fall because we lack information, but because we forget what is true.
- Trust truth rooted in reality — Christianity is grounded in real historical events, not myths or invented stories.
- Trust truth higher than every human voice — Scripture is the living Word of God, a lamp shining in darkness.

- Trust truth that reaches the heart — Truth must move from our heads into our hearts through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The big idea: You live ready by trusting God’s truth.

DISCUSSION



This document can be used for either personal or group reflection.

Group facilitator: Please feel empowered to use only the questions that are helpful for the context of your group.

Observation Questions

- Why does Peter say he wants to remind them of these things (vv. 12–15)?
- How does Peter describe the message about Jesus in verses 16–18?
- What image does Peter use to describe Scripture in verse 19?
- According to verses 20–21, who is the author of Scripture?

Interpretation & Theological Reflection

- Why do believers need reminders of truth they already know?
- Why is it important that Christianity is rooted in historical events rather than inspiring ideas?
- What does it mean that Scripture is a “lamp shining in a dark place”? What does that suggest about us? About the world?
- How does the gospel help truth move from the head to the heart?

Application Questions

- What truths from God’s Word do you most need to be reminded of right now?
- What voices compete most strongly for your trust and attention (fear, culture, social media, emotions, approval of others)?
- In what area of life do you need to let Scripture speak louder than your feelings?
- How does remembering Jesus’ love and obedience for you make it easier to trust His authority?

Closing Prayer

- Praise God for speaking clearly through His Word.
- Thank Jesus for being the Truth we can trust.
- Confess ways you have listened more to other voices than to God.
- Acknowledge your forgetfulness, drift, or resistance to truth.
- Thank God that Christianity is grounded in reality and not wishful thinking.
- Thank God for giving light in dark places.
- Ask God to help you remember truth when life feels unstable.
- Pray for hearts that love and obey God's Word.
- Ask for wisdom to discern false voices and courage to trust Christ.

Optional Take-Home Reflection

- What is one truth from this passage you need to stand on this week when confusion or pressure comes?

