



LIVE READY

2 PETER 3:1-7

“WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING”

MAY 10, 2026

OPENING

Ice Breaker - 5 minutes

Choose one:

- Have you ever waited a long time for something important? What made the waiting difficult?
- Why do you think people struggle with delayed promises?

Peter writes to believers who are beginning to wonder if Jesus will really return. His answer is not panic or speculation — but remembrance.

Read the Text Together: 2 Peter 3:1-7

Read 2 Peter 3:1-7 aloud and listen for:

- What Peter wants believers to remember
- What the scoffers are denying
- How Peter responds to them

SUMMARY

Peter addresses one of the major false teachings troubling the early church: the denial of Christ's return. Scoffers mocked the promise of Jesus' coming because life seemed to continue unchanged. Peter explains that their rejection is not an academic argument — it is a deeply moral issue. They do not want a returning King who will judge sin and hold them accountable.

Peter calls believers to remember:

- the promises of God spoken through the prophets and apostles
- the reality of God's past intervention in history
- the certainty of future judgment and restoration

Pastor Tom emphasized that history is not random or circular. God is moving history toward a purposeful conclusion: the return of Christ and the renewal of all things. The big idea from the sermon was this:

Do not let the delay of Christ's return cause you to doubt the certainty of His promise.

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 is writing this reminder to believers (vv. 1-2)?
- What question do the scoffers ask in verse 4?
- According to Peter, what are the scoffers deliberately overlooking (vv. 5-6)?
- What does verse 7 say is being reserved for the day of judgment?

Interpretation & Theological Reflection

- Why is remembering God's Word so important for believers?
- According to the passage, what is really driving the scoffers' unbelief?
- Why does Peter point back to creation and the flood?
- How does belief in Christ's return shape the way we understand history and the future?

Application Questions

- What voices or influences today make it difficult to trust God's promises?
- Where are you tempted to interpret God's delay as God's absence?
- How can you intentionally "remember" God's promises in daily life rather than being consumed by fear, media, or distraction?
- How would your priorities change if you lived with greater awareness that Christ truly will return?

Closing Prayer

- Praise God for His faithfulness throughout history.
- Thank Jesus that He will return to complete His saving work.
- Confess doubt, forgetfulness, or misplaced trust in other voices.
- Thank God for His patience and mercy in delaying judgment.
- Ask God to strengthen your hope in Christ's return.
- Pray for endurance and faithfulness while waiting.
- Ask God to help you live wisely and expectantly in the present age.

Optional Take-Home Reflection

- What is one promise of God you need to hold onto more firmly this week?

