



The 2017 City Weekend

3-5 March

TALK OUTLINES

TALK 1: 2 Peter 1:1 – 11

Introduction

‘Remember God’s promises in the past that confirm God’s purpose for the future so that we give ourselves to God’s plan in the present’.

1. What we’ve got is what you need. Grasp it!

2. What you need is to act on what you’ve got. Go for it!

Conclusion

Questions for personal reflection:

1) What benefits have come to ordinary believers such that we have a faith 'of equal standing' with Peter? Pause here and pray - thanking God.

2) How have these benefits come to us? (Think carefully about the 'we' and the 'you'). Pause here and pray - thanking God.

3) What incentives are we given to 'make every effort', and what disincentives not to sit back?

4) The seven aspects in verse 5 - 8 come as a set. But what in particular do you need to work on?

Pray that you would ... and for the right reasons!

TALK 2: 2 Peter 1:16 – 2:3

Introduction

‘Remember God’s promises in the past that confirm God’s purpose for the future so that we give ourselves to God’s plan in the present’.

1) What ‘we’ saw and what ‘we’ heard

What ‘we’ saw

What ‘we’ heard

2) what ‘we’ have and what ‘you’ should do

What ‘we’ have

What ‘you’ should do

Conclusion

Questions for group discussion:

1) From verse 16 – 18, how has Peter refuted the implied charge of verse 16 ('cleverly invented myths)?

2) From verse 16 – 21, why should we 'pay attention' to what Peter says?

3) What will it look like in practice to obey the command of verse 19? (see 1:5 – 11; 1:12 – 15)

4) Which particular aspects of the list in verse 5 – 8 did people focus on?

TALK 3: 2 Peter 2:1 – 22

Introduction

‘Remember God’s promises in the past that confirm God’s purpose for the future so that we give ourselves to God’s plan in the present’.

2:1 – 3 an introduction to the concept of False Teachers

2:4 – 10a an assurance about the future for False Teachers

2:10b – 22 an analysis of the conduct of False Teachers

 Their arrogance 10b-13a

 Their indulgence 13b-16

 Their end 17-22

1) Their origin

2) Their Appearance

3) Their Tactics

4) Their Appeal

5) Their End

Questions for personal reflection:

1) What damage do false teachers do?

2) Why is it so hard to spot them?

3) Why do you think Christians are so naïve or, alternatively, up-tight about false teachers?

4) How has this chapter helped you to adjust your thinking?

5) What changes will this make as you think about your own family/your home church?

TALK 4: 2 Peter 3:1 – 18

Introduction

‘Remember God’s promises in the past that confirm God’s purpose for the future so that we give ourselves to God’s plan in the present’.

1) The Day and the Delay verse 1 - 10

The day

Sudden

Cataclysmic

Forensic

The scoffers: their message

their motives

The delay

Its duration

Its design

2) The Day and our Decisions verse 11 – 18

Questions for group discussion

1) How successful have 'scoffers' been in undermining your own anticipation of 'the Day'?

2) How does the teaching of verse 1-10 help you recalibrate ... and how does this add to the message of the whole letter?

3) Given the delay and the day, how ought we to respond?

4) What one major truth are you taking away from this weekend?

5) what one major action point are you taking away from this weekend?