

Acts 2 Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Six: Peter and Jude – 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude

Skim 1 Peter 1-5.

- 1) What do the following verses reveal about the state of the believers scattered throughout the Roman world? 1:6-7; 2:12, 15, 19-24; 3:13-17; 4:1, 12-19; 5:9-10

- 2) Summarize the significant teachings (doctrine) given in the following passages:
 - a) 1:2

 - b) 1:3-5

 - c) 1:6-7

 - d) 1:10-12

 - e) 1:18-20

 - f) 2:21-25

 - g) 3:18-22 (This is a difficult passage. Just look for the main idea.)

 - h) 4:12-19

- 3) From these truths (question 2), make a list of things for which you will thank God today. Circle or underline the one that is most meaningful to you at the present and note the reason.

From 1 Peter 1-5:

- 4) Use phrases in 1:3-5, 8-9 to explain how salvation has a past, present, and future sense.
- 5) Having received this full perspective of our salvation, what encouragement does Peter give to those who are suffering? See 1:4-5, 6, 21; 2:15, 21-24; 3:9, 17; 4:1-2, 13-14; 5:10.
- 6) According to the following verses, what should result from a solid understanding of our salvation?
- a) 1:6a with 1:8 and 4:16
 - b) 1:14-15 with 2:1-3 and 4:3
 - c) 1:22 with 3:8 and 4:8-10
 - d) 2:13, 15, 17 with 2:19
 - e) 3:8 with 5:5b-6
 - f) 3:15
 - g) 5:7
 - h) 5:8-9
- 7) How does Peter encourage us to view our life on earth (1:3-5, 17; 2:11; 4:7)? What evidence can you offer as proof that you live your life from this perspective?

Read 2 Peter 1-3.

- 8) Having read about the threat of false teachers in chapter 2, which one word (contained in the following verses: 1:2, 3, 5-6, 8; 3:18) summarizes the means by which we can best avoid their traps? Where is this means found (1:12, 19-21; 3:1-2, 15-16)?

9) Which phrases in 2:1-3:4 describe the nature of the false teachers and their false ideas?

10) Review 2 Peter 3:17-18. Are there heresies within the Church today that lead people to live immorally? If so, what are they?

From 2 Peter 1-3:

11) Peter denounced scoffers who mocked the idea that a future “day of the Lord” was to come. What does Peter reveal about this “day” in 3:5-13?

12) Reread 2 Peter 1:3-4. What current temptation can you escape by claiming one of God’s “very great and precious promises”? Use any general Bible knowledge you have to find and name the promise. If you have trouble finding one, you might consider Isaiah 26:3, 28:16, 30:15; Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 7:7, 10:32; John 6:35, 15:5, 16:33; Romans 8:1, 8:28-29; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 2:13, 4:12-13, 4:19; Hebrews 7:25 and 13:5-6.

Read Jude.

13) Which two verses summarize Jude’s reason for writing his letter and what was that reason?

14) Compare the following pairs of verses. What thought or phrase does each pair have in common?

- a) Jude 4 and 2 Peter 2:1
- b) Jude 6-7 and 2 Peter 2:4-6
- c) Jude 8, 16 and 2 Peter 2:10
- d) Jude 10 and 2 Peter 2:12
- e) Jude 11 and 2 Peter 2:15

f) Jude 12a and 2 Peter 2:13

g) Jude 12b-13 and 2 Peter 2:17

h) Jude 18 and 2 Peter 3:3

15) Jude gives exhortations about avoiding deceptive teachings in verses 20-23. Who do you know who needs to be mercifully snatched from the fire of deception? Will you pray this week for discernment in knowing how to do this and ask others to pray with you?