

# September 22 – 28

## Recall These Things | The End of Scoffing

**Icebreaker:** The passage for today addresses scoffing. Define scoffing (or look it up). What does scoffing look like in our culture?

*In this session, we will consider how we ought to think about the second coming of Christ in a world that doesn't believe in his return.*

### Read 2 Peter 3:1–7

- In light of the scoffers of our world, why is it essential to remember the messages given to us by prophets and apostles from the Lord Jesus?
- Peter identifies sinful desires as the motivation behind scoffing.
  - What sinful desires move people to scoff at Jesus' teachings?
  - What sinful desires would cause a person to scoff at his second coming?
- Consider the scoffing response: "Where is the promise of his coming?"
  - Where does a question like this come from?
  - What does it assume about the coming of Jesus?
- What do verses 5–7 have to do with what the scoffers assert?
  - Why must they deliberately overlook the reality of creation and the flood?
- One of the assumptions of the scoffers is that the world does not change. What do creation, the flood, and the coming judgment demonstrate about this assertion?
- Look up Mark 13:33, Luke 12:40, Revelation 3:11, Revelation 22:7, Revelation 22:20.
  - What do we learn about the second coming of Jesus?
  - What must we do in light of it?
- Peter mentions the coming judgment of God. Scripture talks about two judgments:
  - (1) **The Bema Seat or Judgment Seat of Christ** – Read 1 Corinthians 3:12–15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10.
  - (2) **The Great White Throne Judgment** – Read Revelation 20:11–15.
    - How are these judgments described?
    - Where is our hope found in these judgments? (See John 3:36)

### Application

- If you asked a non-Christian about Jesus' second coming, what would they say?
- If someone scoffed at Christ's coming, how would it make you feel? How would you respond to them?
- What is your personal response about the second coming as you consider how long it has been since Jesus first came?
- How can we build up our faith in the second coming of Jesus? How should it change the way we live?