

October 6 – 12

Recall These Things | Hasten His Coming

Icebreaker: What was your attitude toward academics during your last term of high school or college? Were you diligent in working hard, or did you coast to the end? Why did you make that choice?

In this session, we will see why diligence in the Lord's work is critical in light of what will come.

Read 2 Peter 3:11–13 (Read in both ESV and NIV)

- Peter's primary question is, "What sort of people ought you to be?" Why is this question important?
- Why are believers called to pursue lives of holiness and godliness as the end times draw near?
- What does it mean to hasten the coming of the Lord? What role do we play in this?
- What is the new heaven and new earth? What are we looking forward to?

Read 2 Peter 3:14–18

- What would it look like to be diligent in seeking to be found without a spot or blemish?
- What does someone who is at peace look like? Where does true peace come from?
- How is God's patience related to salvation? (See again 3:9)
- Peter refers to Paul's teaching in verses 15–16.
 - What does he say about his teaching?
 - What does he equate his teaching with?
 - How does this help us understand the authority of New Testament writings?
- In verse 17, how can foreknowledge of what will happen prevent us from being carried away with lawless people or losing our stability?
- Why is it important for believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus?

Application

- "What sort of person ought you to be?" is the question every person ought to ask of themselves.
 - How would you answer this question? What does holiness and godliness mean to your life?
 - How would your non-Christian friends answer this question? How might their answer fall short of God's desires?
- What role can you play in hastening the coming of the Lord?
- How does the fact that the end of this world is the beginning of a better one change how you think about your responsibilities in this life?
- How can you grow in grace in the knowledge of Christ? How will that help you as you look forward to his return?