# Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship, Personal Study, and Small Groups 07/17/2022

A Study of 2 Peter: “Truth in a Time of Confusion”

**Sermon Title:** “Having Hope and Confidence in the Second Coming of Christ: Part 1”

**Passage:** 2 Peter 3:1-7

**Context:** Peter is writing to scattered, suffering Christians who are now facing internal dangers within the church, primarily false teaching about the doctrine and life of Christianity. 2 Peter is a stern and urgent warning to guard the church against anything or anyone that would lead them astray. The Apostle confronts several issues that are just a current today as they were then: easy believism, relativism and wrong thinking about God, false teachers and worldly influencers, intellectual skeptics, and apathetic living. To stand firm during confusion, 2 Peter encourages and commands us to grow in the true knowledge of God in Christ Jesus.

**Main Idea:** *“Christians can have hope and confidence that Christ is coming back regardless of what others say or do.”*

**Main Points:**

I. We must constantly renew our minds with the Scriptures. (3:1-2)

Ref. Job 19:25-27; Malachi 4:1-3; Isaiah 66:15; John 1:1-4; Matthew 25:31-33; Revelation 22:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

II. We should expect to be ridiculed for what we believe. (3:3)

Ref. Jeremiah 17:15; 1 Peter 4:4-5; Jude 17-19

III. We need to recognize and understand the skeptic’s worldview. (3:4-7)

Ref. Genesis 1:6-7; Psalm 33:6; Romans 1:19-20; Genesis 7:11,21; Colossians 1:15-17

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?