

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

A New Heaven and a New Earth

2 Peter 3:10-18

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. ¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! ¹³ But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

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OPEN:

1. Are you a goal-setter? What’s a huge goal you’ve reached?
2. Name someone who helped you achieve a goal that you would not have reached without their help ?

DIG:

1. The day of the Lord will come like a thief. What does that mean about the coming judgment? How do we prepare for that? How should you live your life today?
2. What is the result of stepping off Torah Road?
3. When will this Day of the Lord occur?
4. What does the Lord’s patience look like?
5. Peter acknowledges that what Paul writes might be difficult to understand. What do the false teachers do with Paul’s teaching?

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REFLECT:

1. It's easy to fall off of Torah Road. We need to be on guard. What does that look like?
2. If you have fallen off the Torah Road, what do you need to do?
3. You've been entrusted with a mina. And when the King returns He's going to ask you how you invested it and what's His return on your investment. Paul talks about our works being tested by fire. We will have to stand before our King one day, so what you do today matters. How are you preparing for that day?
4. We've talked a lot about Torah Road in 2 Peter and the importance of staying on it. But what if you've fallen off of it? What do you do if you are experiencing the "living death" of having your righteous soul tormented because of the lifestyle you have chosen to live?

5 MARKS FOCUS: TIME WITH BELIEVERS

Some of us might have developed bad habits or addictions that we were hoping would numb the pain of living a life contrary to our new nature, that's where "we" come into the picture. The Christian life is not intended to be a solo gig. It's not just me, my Bible and a cup of coffee. We go together. We help each other, encourage each other, challenge each other, pray for each other, love each other. Take some time this week to fellowship with, pray with, and encourage fellow believers to stay on Torah Road.