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Week 5 – The Voice of Peter (2 Peter 3:3-18)

Introduction:

Review: So far we have studied the voices of Daniel the Prophet and Jesus Christ, both of whom describe a future seven-year-period of “Tribulation” during which there will be an “abomination that causes desolation.” There will be many “birth pains” leading up to these events.

Today’s Question: What do we as Christians actually DO with this information? How does it apply to us today?

Acts 1:6-11 (Personal Notes)

2 Peter 3:3-18 (Personal Notes)

Four Take-Aways from the Voice of Peter:

1. Believe the _____ – Jesus is coming! (vs. 3-9)
2. _____ the Gospel – time is short! (vs. 10-12)
3. _____ in hope – look forward! (vs. 13-16) - See Titus 2:11-13
4. _____ in faith – growth is essential! (vs. 17-18)

These are all essential to living “holy and godly lives” (vs. 11) as the Day of God approaches! Let’s live this way as a spiritual family on the road ahead...

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION

Personal Life:

1. Being at the halfway point in our series, we have established a foundation for understanding that Jesus is coming and it could be soon. In the weeks ahead we will look at some topics such as the Rapture, the Antichrist and the Book of Revelation. What are the biggest questions on your mind when you think about the End Times? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. In the weekend message, Pastor Jeremy offered four take-aways for living "holy and godly lives" as directed by the Apostle Peter. Which of the four seems most pressing for you right now and why?
 - Believing the promise that Jesus is coming soon
 - Proclaiming the Gospel with urgency
 - Persevering in hope by looking forward to His coming
 - Progressing in faith by growing in grace
3. Messiah was originally promised to Abraham about 2000 years before He came the first time. What does this tell us in light of the fact that it's been almost 2000 years since Jesus promised He would come again? Discuss...
4. Does the reality that God waited for the "Roman super-highway" before sending Jesus the first time seem to connect to the possibility that He could be planning to use today's "information super-highway" to prepare the world for the Second Coming? Discuss...

Promptings:

5. As a question similarly discussed in a recent life group session, think about the following: If you knew in advance that Jesus would return on January 1, 2021, who would your thinking or prioritizing change over the next three months?

What would need to happen in order for you to embrace and live by those priorities on a more consistent basis?