

# Diligent, Not Distracted

## 2 PETER: GOD'S POWER AND PROMISES, Part 2

2 Peter 1:12-21

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### 1. Diligent to Remind Us (1:12-15)

What are the most important things we want to tell our loved ones?

### 2. Eyewitness to Jesus (1:16-18)

Truth, not tales

Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36)

How is our witness of Jesus to others?

### 3. Pay Attention and Know This (1:19-21)

How should we pay attention? What should we pay attention to?

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

You † Your Family † Your Friends † Your Community Group

1. Peter knows that the “laying aside of [his] earthly dwelling is imminent” (he knows he’s going to die soon), so he wants to be sure to leave behind important teachings to those he loves. What important truths do you want to leave behind for your loved ones? How are they eternally significant? What would Jesus think of what you’ve decided?

2. Why and how is it important that the Christian faith is based in history, and is not like Aesop’s fables or fairy tales or other religions that can’t be verified? We are called to engage with people with different beliefs. When you do, do you emphasize these distinctions? Share your strategies with one other.

3. The New City Catechism, which we as a church are memorizing, asks in question 34, “Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God’s Word?” and answers in part, “Yes... so that by our godly behavior, others may be won to Christ.” Our witness consists both in explicitly telling others the gospel of Christ, and in attractively exhibiting Christlikeness. How would your spouse, kids, parents, fellow Del Rey Church brothers and sisters, friends, neighbors, co-workers say you’re doing in your witness for Christ?

4. To paraphrase Peter, we would “do well to pay attention” to the Scriptures from now until the end times come. How should we pay attention? What should we pay attention to? What distractions ought we to clear away so we can focus on what’s really important? Read ahead through the end of the letter of 2 Peter. How does the promise of the future help us pursue increasing godliness and holiness today?