

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 26th, 2013

This Week's Focus: The greatest treasure that we will ever receive apart from our salvation is the Scriptures, which are a lamp in a dark place.

This Week's Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21

"The Word of God is a more reliable verification of the teachings about the person, atonement, and second coming of Christ than even the genuine first hand experiences of the apostles themselves." **John MacArthur**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

Related Texts: Exodus 40:34-35, 1 Kings 8:10-11, Exodus 33, Matthew 17:1-8, John 10:30-33, Acts 27:13-15

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- What is the significance of Peter changing from the singular "I" to "we" in verses 16-19?
- Why does Peter use the transfiguration event to establish the truth about who Jesus is and his promised return?
- What do people today say concerning Jesus and who He is/was?
- Who did Jesus say that he was? Why is that important? Reference John 8:24.
- Why is Scripture more certain than eyewitness accounts?
- What is Scripture's source of revelation?
- What does it mean that the Bible is inspired? Reference 2 Timothy 3:14-17.
 - What are the implications?
 - How does this change your approach to Holy Scripture?
 - Do you respect God's Word as final and self-sufficient?

- How do you use the Bible as a guide and a light for your life?
- A good approach to reading any text:
 - First, begin by observing - What does it say?
 - Then move to interpretation - What does it mean?
 - And finally, application - What does it mean for me/us/others?

Gospel Celebration:

- Jesus is the living Word become flesh who fulfilled the true and inspired Scriptures.
- “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Our Response:

- Read the scriptures because we get to!
- Read with intentionality, not just for information, but for transformation.
- Trust in the validity and truth of the scriptures, even when it is difficult to swallow.

Next Week's Text: 2 Peter 2:1-10