

Life Group Homework

2 Peter 3:1-9 – SIZE UP THE SCOFFERS OF THE SECOND COMING

Getting Started:

1. How strongly do most Christians hold to the reality of a world-wide flood?
2. Have you ever encountered just how intentionally the scientific community avoids the truth of the flood?
[If you have time (about an hour), watch the following video on YouTube before the group meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTAqiaW7KaU>. This video shows to what extent geologists go to avoid acknowledging a worldwide flood.]

Digging In:

1. In verses three and four Peter points out that the sinful desires of the scoffers are what causes them to second guess God's coming judgment. Why would sinful desires motivate this sort of scoffing?
2. Why is deliberately overlooking the creation and flood so necessary for those who want to doubt and question a future judgment?

3. In verses 5-7 Peter emphasizes that the “word” which declared the creation into existence and doomed that same creation to destruction is “the same word” that now declares the coming judgment. Is this reasoning a powerful argument for you or do you struggle to see it as convincing? Explain your answer.

4. If Christ had come back in AD 1000, where would the believers of today be?

5. Why is the fact that God can see a thousand years as only one day so important for understanding the time that has lapsed between Christ’s first and second coming?

6. What does it say about our God that He can patiently bear all the sins and offenses of the world for thousands of years just to make sure we can be part of his people?

Living It Out:

1. How important do you think it is for Christians to defend the biblical creation and the universal flood given that overlooking them can undermine the belief in a coming judgment?

2. Have you ever expressed gratitude to God for delaying the second coming so that you could become one of his children?