

Series: 2 Peter

Sermon: Final Orders

Passage: 2 Peter 3:14-18 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: As believers awaiting Jesus' return, our attention must remain locked on the life we've been called to and the purpose for which we have been saved.

I. Diligence (3:14)

- In our pursuit of personal holiness/integrity.
- In our peaceful stability in the middle of a world of chaos.

II. Perspective (3:15-16)

- Great commission reminder: There's still time and we gospel have work to do.
- Prodigal children reminder: There's still time for the wayward child to come home.
- "False teachers will twist and torture a text until it says what they want it to say."

III. Discernment (3:17)

- Be always on guard for those that would lead you into error.
- These are formal false teachers and anyone holding an unbiblical opinion that we might prefer to truth.
- When we embrace error we lose our own footing, we fall back, we backslide.

IV. Growth (3:18)

- As we consistently obediently put the Word of God to practice in our lives:
 - The grace of Jesus bends us towards those He desires to love through us.
 - The knowledge of Jesus equips us to appropriately discern, question, and resist.

V. Response

1. Is your life currently marked by integrity & peace?
2. How much do you consider sharing the gospel during a normal day?
3. Who's speaking into your life that doesn't promote what God says over all else?
4. Are you actively seeking to grow as a disciple of Jesus?