



Chalmers Women's Conference

4th February 2023

2 Peter: All We Need
While We Wait

Session 1 - 2 Peter 1:1-21

Do you have everything you need?

Setting the 2 Peter scene

a) Why is Peter writing? (3:11-18)

b) Peter: the one we should listen to (1:1, 12-21)

c) The false teachers: the ones we should ignore (chapter 2 and 3:1-7)

1. We've been given all we need for a godly life... (v.1-4)

2. ...so make every effort to grow in godly living! (v.5-8)

3. Keep growing in godliness because it's worth it (now and eternally)! (v.8-11)

We won't have time for this one!

4. You have all you need and all you need is utterly reliable.

- a) v.12-15: Remember what you've been told
- b) v.16-18: ...which wasn't myth but eyewitness testimony
- c) v.19-21: ...which wasn't man's spin on things but God
- d) speaking through the prophets (Old Testament) and apostles (New Testament)

Two minute pause:

1. What do I need to go away and think and pray about?
2. Which truth from this passage do I need to cling to?

Things to ponder together:

1. Which bit 2 Peter 1 do I most need to ponder:
 - a) v.3-4 (you have all you need)
 - b) v.5-7 (make every effort)
 - c) v.8-11 (it's worth it)

Which of these three might we as Chalmers women be in most danger of forgetting?

2. His divine power has granted to us all things for godly living—through knowing Him and his promises. What makes it hard to trust this?

Where else am I tempted to turn to get all I think I need?

How does this passage challenge those thoughts?

3. Why is making every effort to living godly lives often such a struggle?

What are some of the wrong reasons we might make every effort to be growing?

How could we as Chalmers women collectively grow in helping one another in this endeavour?

4. Looking at v.5-7, where am I already making every effort to grow? What area/s do I need to start making every effort in?

5. v.8-11 gave us big incentives to make every effort to be every growing in godliness.

How can we help each other to remember that making every effort to be ever growing in godliness is

- a) useful in the present (v.8)
- b) a response to our past (v.9) and
- c) a guarantee of our future (v.10-11)?

Am I in danger of losing sight of any of these?

Session 2- 2 Peter 3:1-18

What's the craziest sounding thing you've ever been told?

The craziest sounding thing and yet most practical thing I have been told...

Why is Peter writing chapter 3?

1. Don't overlook the fact that the day of the Lord is coming... (3:1-10)

- a) ...Certainly, despite the scoffers (3:1-7)
- b) ...Suddenly, despite the delay (3:8-10)

2. So let this certain truth shape your living while you wait because ... (3:11-18)

- a) ...Only what is righteous lasts (3:11-13)
- b) ...We are waiting for Jesus to take us home (3:14-16)

3. Keep your footing by growing in truth (3:17-18)...which is where we started this morning!

- a) Guard yourselves from error (v.17)
- b) Grow in the true grace and knowledge of Jesus

Two minute pause:

1. What do I need to go away and think and pray about?
2. What truth am I clinging to from the passage?

Things to ponder:

1. Is Jesus' return a factor in how I live life now? What challenges are there to living in light of His return?
2. Why is it hard to remember or believe that Jesus really is coming back?
3. Where do I struggle to live life now in light of the day of the Lord and its effects?
4. How will knowing the end of the story (Jesus is coming to judge and there will be a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells)?
 - a) shape what I give invest in now (how I use my time, energy, money, etc)
 - b) help me to keep striving to grow in godliness?
 - c) keep me from being swayed by those who scoff at the idea of Jesus' return ?
 - d) help me cope with the inevitable ups and downs of life as an imperfect follower of Jesus in a fallen world?
5. How does all that will happen on that final day help me to resist dabbling in the life that Jesus has rescued me from?
6. How can I grow in daily remembering that Jesus is coming back?
7. How can we as Chalmers women help one another to keep growing in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour?

Seminar summaries

As we wait – waiting well, knowing true contentment (*Kath*)

Waiting is a universal Christian experience. But just what are we waiting for? Together we'll explore some of the wonderful promises God makes for the future and unpack how those promises help us to live contented, purposeful lives now whatever our current circumstances.

As we wait – surviving, thriving and worshipping at work (*Megan*)

Our 'work' whether paid or voluntary; full time or part time, at home or in the workplace can take up a significant part of our lives. What does it mean to be a Christian at work? How can we see work through God's eyes recognising it is a place for us to be humbled, tested and tempted as well as to witness? Come and explore in a safe place how to survive, thrive and worship as a Christian at work.

As we wait – eager to grow with help from Hebrews (*Issy*)

The author of Hebrews urges us to 'leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity' (Hebrews 6:1). What does Christian maturity look like and how do we grow into it? Together, we'll unpack what Hebrews teaches us about what growing as a Christian looks like, how we do it and why we need to. There will be space to share honestly about what can make growing hard and to think practically about how we can help ourselves and each other to keep growing into maturity.'

As we wait – engaging with the culture (*Amy*)

As Bible believing followers of Jesus, increasingly we find ourselves at odds with the culture around us. It's really easy to feel confused, threatened, angry and unsure. How do we stay steady in the midst of that, and how do we interact with people who think differently to us? Come and be encouraged by seeing what God says to his people when we stand out, and thinking practically about how to engage with others in a way that points to Jesus.

Timetable

10am	Session 1 - 2 Peter 1:1-21
11.10am	Discussion groups
11.40am	Break
12.10pm	Interviews with seminar leaders
12.35pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Seminars
2.45pm	Session 2 - 2 Peter 3:1-18