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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Confirm Your Calling: The Error of Lawless People (2 Peter 3:14-18)

TEACHING SUMMARY

This final teaching in the 2 Peter series examines Peter's closing instructions and warning about people who twist Paul's letters. Peter urges believers to live holy lives while waiting for judgment and the new heavens and new earth.

Being found without spot or blemish and at peace echoes Peter's call to holiness. The teaching explains that Peter grounds holiness in the Torah and presents obedience as the proper way to live while awaiting the Messiah's return.

Peter calls Paul a beloved brother with wisdom and says Paul wrote about the same matters. Both apostles teach believers to pursue holiness and reject the claim that Paul promoted lawlessness.

Paul's letters contain difficult passages that ignorant and unstable people twist. The teaching identifies these people with false teachers who intentionally misrepresent Paul to support lawless doctrines and their own destructive agenda.

The false teachers reject the future return and judgment of the Messiah, then use that rejection to justify antinomianism and immoral living. Peter's warning is connected with the Old Testament way of righteousness and obedience to God's law.

The teaching concludes by urging believers to remain stable, grow in the grace and knowledge of Yeshua, and avoid being carried away by the error of lawless people. The whole series points toward holy conduct, faithful endurance, and obedience.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Believers are to be diligent while waiting for the Messiah's return.
- Peter calls them to be without spot or blemish and at peace.
- Peter's holiness is grounded in the Torah.

- Peter calls Paul a beloved brother with wisdom.
- Paul and Peter agree that believers should be holy.
- Some passages in Paul's letters are hard to understand.
- Ignorant and unstable people twist Paul's letters.
- The false teachers promote lawlessness and immoral living.
- Believers are warned not to lose their stability.
- They are called to grow in grace and knowledge.

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

Basic

1. Believers are to be found without spot or _____.
2. Peter calls Paul a beloved _____.
3. Paul's letters contain things that are hard to _____.
4. The unstable twist Paul's _____.
5. Peter warns believers about the error of _____ people.
6. Believers are told to grow in grace and _____.

Challenging

1. The Greek word for hard to understand is _____.
2. The false teachers promote _____, meaning against law.
3. Peter connects holiness with the _____ standard.
4. The false teachers reject the Messiah's future _____.
5. Paul condemns the slanderous claim that his gospel permits doing _____.
6. Believers must take care not to lose their _____.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Peter connect waiting for the Messiah's return with living without spot or blemish?
2. Why is Peter's agreement with Paul important to the teaching's argument?
3. What does it mean that Paul's letters are hard to understand?

4. How do the false teachers twist Paul's letters to promote lawlessness?
5. How does the teaching define the way of righteousness?
6. What practical warning does Peter give believers at the end of the letter?

ANSWER KEY – GROUP GUIDE

Basic

1. blemish
2. brother
3. understand
4. letters
5. lawless
6. knowledge

Challenging

1. dusnoētos
2. antinomianism
3. Torah
4. return
5. evil
6. stability