

Sermon Study Guide –

2 Peter 1:16-21

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Title: **“Two Lights in the Dark”**

Sermon Idea: Follow God’s two sacred lights to walk in God’s truth.

Key Points:

Light 1: Jesus. Peter’s teaching about Jesus’ coming is reliable since it is based on what he personally saw and heard with Jesus. (vv.16-18)

Light 2: Scripture. Peter’s teaching about Jesus’ coming is confirmed by fulfilled Scripture. (vv.19-21)

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that the Scriptures are reliable. That we can trust the gospel message about Jesus and His future coming in power.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) have a regular Bible reading plan, (2) be careful to interpret in context with others, (3) attend WNL classes.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need for maintaining solid teaching in an age of compromise.

Recommended Resources: *“Reading the Bible Supernaturally,”* John Piper; *“Myths and*

Mistakes in NT Textual Criticism,” Elijah Hixson & Peter Gurry

Intro: Describe a time you were in the complete dark. How did you feel? How did you get through it – what light emerged?

Dig:

Day 1: 2 Peter 1:16-21 gives two bases for Peter’s teaching about the coming judgment of Christ. What are those bases? Why can we trust them?

Day 2: Matthew 17:1-13 recalls the Transfiguration of Jesus before Peter, James and John. What do you think was the significance of this event? Why did it happen?

Day 3: Matthew 24:26-31 is a portion of a long description of the Second Coming of Christ. Why will people mourn at this day?

Day 4: 2 Timothy 3:12-17 are part of Paul’s last words to his protégé Timothy. What does he say

about the Scriptures? Describe what divine inspiration is and isn’t.

Day 5: Revelation 22:12-21 are the final, divinely inspired words of God to humanity. What does it say? How are we to respond?

Apply:

- Choose a regular Bible reading plan that fits your schedule. Begin now!
- Check online resources like netbible.org and biblestudytools.com for help with interpreting the scriptures.
- Consider taking a WNL class or some other course to deepen your understanding of gospel truths.

Pray: Dear Father God, thank You for the twin lights of Jesus’ earthly existence and the preserved Word of God, the Bible. Help me to follow only Your Word as it teaches me about the Living Word, Your glorious Son Jesus Christ. Amen!
