

## 2 Peter 3:1-7 Discussion Questions

1. In vv. 3-4 Peter highlights a common objection that Christians face. One might express it various ways, but it goes something like this: "If Jesus is coming back then where is he? Nothing has changed since as far back as we can remember. The world just keeps going."

- a. Have you ever heard this objection to Christianity?
- b. How might a Christian respond to this?
- c. Do you find these responses compelling?

2. In all honesty, there are times when we are tempted to say the same thing or something similar. How are you tempted to doubt God's promise? What is the scoffer in your own heart saying?

- a. How do you respond to these objections in your heart? How have you learned to deal with them?
- b. How has God proven Himself trustworthy to you already?
- c. If God has proven himself, then why is it so hard for us to trust Him?

3. Peter's response to this objection in vv. 5-7 is basically that those who say this ignore the fact that God has both created and judged the world *by His word* in the past. And so, if He did it before and has said that He will do it again, we should trust Him.

- a. Is this a good and sufficient response? Why or why not?
- b. Does this address the scoffer in your own heart?
- c. What challenge does this pose the skeptic? What must the skeptic accept in order to accept this response?

4. We all struggle at times with believing God's promises. What "sign" are you currently tempted to ask for from God? What is that you want God to do to prove Himself to you or others?

5. What are the grounds of your trust in Jesus? Is His word enough? Is His work in your life and the lives of those around you enough? What is it that gives you confidence?