



THIS IS THE WAY

Be Prepared

2 Peter 3:8-10

Message Reflection Guide

What if we could prime our [disciples] to think biblically *before* they are presented with the questions that challenge the faith? Thinking biblically isn't merely about knowing Bible verses (though that's a great place to start!). No, thinking biblically is about taking what we know from the Bible and understanding how the principles presented in it apply to everyday situations.

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CONVERSATION STARTER

Describe a story (your own or someone else's) that you would call "unbelievable."

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read 2 Peter 3:8-10

Brandon said, "**The gospel calls us to be prepared for Christ's return**" What does "being prepared for Christ's return" look like for you? What bearing does Christ's return have on your personal evangelism?

God's perspective. God's sense of time is not the same as ours. Describe a time when you "lost track of time." Read Psalm 90. What does the psalmist's perspective on God's timing mean to you?

God's patience. Peter tells us that God is patient, desiring that nobody perishes, but that everyone comes to saving faith. How does this compare to your feelings about people? Read Mark 1:15. What does "repentance" mean to you?

God's promise. God promises that His Son, Jesus, will return for His bride. How do Old Testament prophecies help you accept God's promise that Jesus is coming again? What aspects of your life are affected with the knowledge that Jesus is coming back?

MAKING IT REAL

Are you prepared for Christ's return? How are you helping your brothers and sister be ready?

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you share the gospel with unbelieving family, friends, neighbors.