



God's Purpose in Waiting

2 Peter 3:17-18

Message Reflection Guide

I have met too many people who love their Bibles yet have no genuine relationship with Jesus Christ. They don't really know him. They don't really love him. They don't really worship him. Instead, they worship their Bibles. They are not growing up into maturity because they are not growing up into Christ.

- Jeff Vanderstelt, *Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life*

CONVERSATION STARTER

Describe a time when someone had a great comeback.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read 2 Peter 3:17-18

Brandon said, "**The gospel is our only true source of reliable footing and direction. This is the Way.**" How was Peter able to use his past experiences into his writings of 2 Peter? What sources does the world use for their truth?

Stay on Guard. Peter calls his audience, "beloved." What is the significance of this term? How are you "staying on guard" so you don't lose your stability or aren't carried away?

Seek to Grow. What kind of growth is Peter referring to? Explain the difference between "trying harder" to grow and "resting in Jesus" to grow.

Show His Glory. What does it mean to glorify God? How can you be using your spiritual gifts and/or God-given talents to show His glory?

MAKING IT REAL

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you have a clear understanding that the gospel is for all of life; eternally and for every aspect of life here and now. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live out the gospel so it is real and evident to those around you.