

# Home Group Helps

## 2 Peter 1:12-15 (ESV)

### *Remember Rightly*

**I. Remember Constantly (v.12)** – Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

**II. Remember the Shortness of Life (v.13-14)** – I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

**III. Remember the Word (v. 15)** – And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

#### 1. Launching Question(s):

- Memory, nostalgia, & recollection are powerful parts of being human. How have you seen memory or nostalgia play a positive role in your life? How about the other way around?
- John Calvin said this: “For when anyone, shortly before he quits this life, addresses us, his words have in a manner the force and power of a testament or will, and are usually received by us with greater reverence.”<sup>1</sup>
- How have you seen this happen in your own experience?

#### 2. Observation Question(s):

- What does Peter say before these verses? What comes after them? Read 2 Peter chapters 1-2 to aid in your answers.
- With that in mind, how does the context of this letter affect the way you read/understand these four verses?

#### 3. Interpretation Question(s):

- Why is it important for Christians, who know the truth and are established in it, to still hear constant reminders of the Gospel?
- In this passage, Peter refers to his body as a ‘tent’. What does he mean when he says this? Read also 2 Corinthians 4:7-5:10 & Hebrews 11:8-10. How should this perspective change the way we think as Christians?

#### 4. Reflection Question(s):

- What have been some times when you have seen constant reminders of Christ and of the shortness of life bless you in your Christian walk?
- Peter once brazenly declared, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away” (Matt 26:33). That night he denied Christ with his actions and words three times.
- What are some examples of your own spiritual forgetfulness?

#### 5. Application Question(s):

- How might you individually and this church corporately seek to better ‘always remind’ one another of the Gospel?
- Contemplate the perfect, steadfast remembrance of the Lord. How should such a beautiful truth help us in this endeavor?

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<sup>1</sup> Calvin, *2 Peter*, 379.