



SERMON GUIDE

## SOMETHING MORE CERTAIN

2 Peter 1:12-21 | Pastor Tim Prince

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### Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

**Getting to Know Me:** Do you have a story of something that happened to you that is in the "unbelievable/how in the world" realm? Tell it!

**Note About the Passage:** 2 Peter was written to encourage Christians to live godly lives. There were false teachers saying that the return of Jesus was a "myth" - a story that isn't really true but is helpful for teaching positive values. Peter is writing to correct that narrative and talk about sin in light of a resurrected, returning Christ.

In this passage, Peter is going to make reference to an encounter that he and some other apostles had with Jesus called "the Transfiguration." The story of the Transfiguration is in Mark 9:2-8.

#### Read 2 Peter 1:12-21

**S:** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

**O:** How would experiencing the Transfiguration (v.16-18) affect a person's faith?

**O:** Why does Peter (and the people of Israel) consider the prophets trustworthy? What connection is Peter making between the Transfiguration and the words of the prophets?

**O:** What does Peter seem to be trying to convince/remind his readers of and what are some of the words/phrases that show his urgency? What would be so urgent about the point he is making?

**A:** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

**A:** What keeps you from believing the Bible as God's word? If you believe it is God's word, what keeps you (can keep you) from reading, studying, or praying with it? How do you feel about your habits/routines with the Bible?

**A:** Reading the Bible can be an intimidating and confusing experience. But it also enriches, feeds, and grows, and reminds you of your relationship with God. Is there someone you could talk to this week to help you take the next step in learning to read and understand the Bible?

**P:** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.