

OWNit365 Bible Reading Tips

To assist you in making the most of your Bible reading, we offer the following:

- Background and overview information about the book
- Thoughts and questions for your personal reflection and observation
- Questions that you can use in a small group setting
- Something to look for in each chapter

2Peter

The book of [2Peter](#) is Peter's letter to the church to:

- Grow in faith and trust the Scriptures ([2Peter 1](#)).
- Beware of false teachers ([2Peter 2](#)).
- Look for Christ's return ([2Peter 3](#)).

[2Peter](#) is a glimpse into the life of the Apostle Peter, who knows that his time on earth is ending soon. He wants to give a farewell encouragement and warning.

Personal Reflection and Application

[2Peter 1:5-9](#) gives a natural **process for spiritual growth**. It serves as a pattern for us to follow. Are you "giving all diligence" in your Christian walk? When you do this, you will add virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. Where are you in the process? What do you need most? If you focus on these, [2Peter 1:10](#) says "you will never stumble." However, if you lack these things, you will be "shortsighted" and have no vision!

Read [2Peter 2](#). Find and list verses that describe the four "D" words that indicate a false teacher (destruction, doom, depravity, deception). False teachers are not always easy to spot. Armed with the knowledge that salvation is a gift that you cannot reverse once you accept it, what are ways you can identify a false teacher?

Small Group Conversation Guide

Peter was speaking as an eyewitness of Christ's power and glory (**2Peter 1:11**). He had an **urgent message** to deliver before he departed the world. Discuss what we can apply from Peter's message. What happens when we are not diligent in pursuing faith (talking with God) and knowledge (reading God's Word)? The Christians during Peter's time needed reminders to be steadfast. In what ways is it easier or more difficult for Christians today to remain steadfast?

Read **2Peter 3:17-18**. Underline the words "beware" and "grow." In the Greek, **beware** means to guard, observe, or watch. **Grow** refers to inward Christian increase. Peter is telling us to be ready for Christ's return while we continue to grow spiritually. Why do we need to always be ready? Do you believe Christ could return at any moment? What are you doing to continue your spiritual growth?

Something to Find in Each Chapter

01. How Scripture is more reliable than any experience	02. What false teachers will do to themselves and others
03.-What two qualities of Christ we need for growth	