

# WHEN CHRISTIANITY GETS TWISTED

## LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

Meeting **THEME: God navigates us!**

**Prepare** yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. Read II Peter 1: 1 - 21

**20.00 – 20.10 Start** We all have to find our way in life. What helps you most to navigate?

**20.10 – 20.15 Pray.** Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and build you up when you listen to God's Word

Introduction to the Bible reading: in the previous verses Peter has addressed the need his readers felt to bridge the gap between them and the Gospel. They may be inclined to think they need new teachings to make it relevant and to make it practical. But Peter stresses that they do not need anything more than the Gospel. The Gospel saves. The Gospel sanctifies. And – as we will see today – reminding ourselves of all that can be found in the Gospel, is enough to help us navigate through life.

**20.15 – 20.40 Bible passage:** Read II Peter 1:12-21

The big idea of this passage is: God navigates us! through a reminding ministry (vs. 12-15), proclaiming a reliable message (vs. 16-18), leading to rewarding meditation (vs. 19-21).

**Look again at verses 12-15**    **'God navigates us through a reminding ministry'**

NB: in vs. 12 the ESV translates 'qualities', the NIV translates 'things', here the NIV is more literal.

- What is the core concept in these verses?
- Peter wants to remind his readers. Why? Don't give your own idea, but find the answer in the preceding verses (take some time to look at verses 8-11)

**Look again at verses 16-18**    **'...proclaiming a reliable message'**

- Can you say that the Gospel is a sort of a myth? If not, what are the differences between the Gospel and mythology?
- Peter, James and John were eyewitnesses of Jesus' majesty (see also I John 1:1-13). In Mark 9:2-8 you can read about this. How did Peter interpret what happened and was his interpretation meaningful? (See Mark 9:5-6)
- Look at Psalm 2 and at Isaiah 42:1 (where the prophecies about the servant that will suffer begin). What could Peter, James and John conclude after what they had heard and seen?

**Look again at verses 19-21**    **'...leading to rewarding meditation'**

- Which conclusion and application of the preceding do we find in verses 19?
- We must not only read the Scriptures, we must meditate on them, until they strengthen us in our walk with and looking at Christ (see also Psalm 1). How is it for you to read and meditate on the Scriptures?
- Which very important lesson should we learn from verses 20-21?

**20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper**

A faithful ministry reminds you of the reliable message about Jesus that we learn throughout all the Scriptures. Therefore, we need to continue to pay attention to the Bible – through it the Holy Spirit guides us and so God navigates us through life. Did you learn something new tonight? Take some moments to think & pray about this. If you learnt something new, does this imply that you should change something? Share after some minutes of silence.

**20.50 – 21.00 End** the Life Group meeting with praying together.