



Study 6

GODLY, ON GUARD & GROWING

2 Peter 3:11-18

**“ You ought to live
holy and godly lives ”**



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Starter

1. What are you looking forward to? (e.g. special event, holiday, new job, new baby, etc) What steps are you taking to plan for it?



Read verse 11-13

2. How should Jesus' future return effect how we live now? And why?

3. What role do Christians play in the coming of the day of God? And how?

4. How does the response of believers to Jesus' return compare to that of the false teachers?



Read verses 14-18

5. How do the commands in verses 14 and 18 relate to the command to “confirm your calling and election” (1:10)?

6. What does Peter say that Paul writes about in his letters?

7. Why is it significant that Peter refers to Paul’s writings as Scripture? (c.f. 1:20-21)

8. What are Peter’s instructions in verses 17-18? And for what reason?



Apply

(Answer all these questions personally, but as a group choose one or two to focus on.)

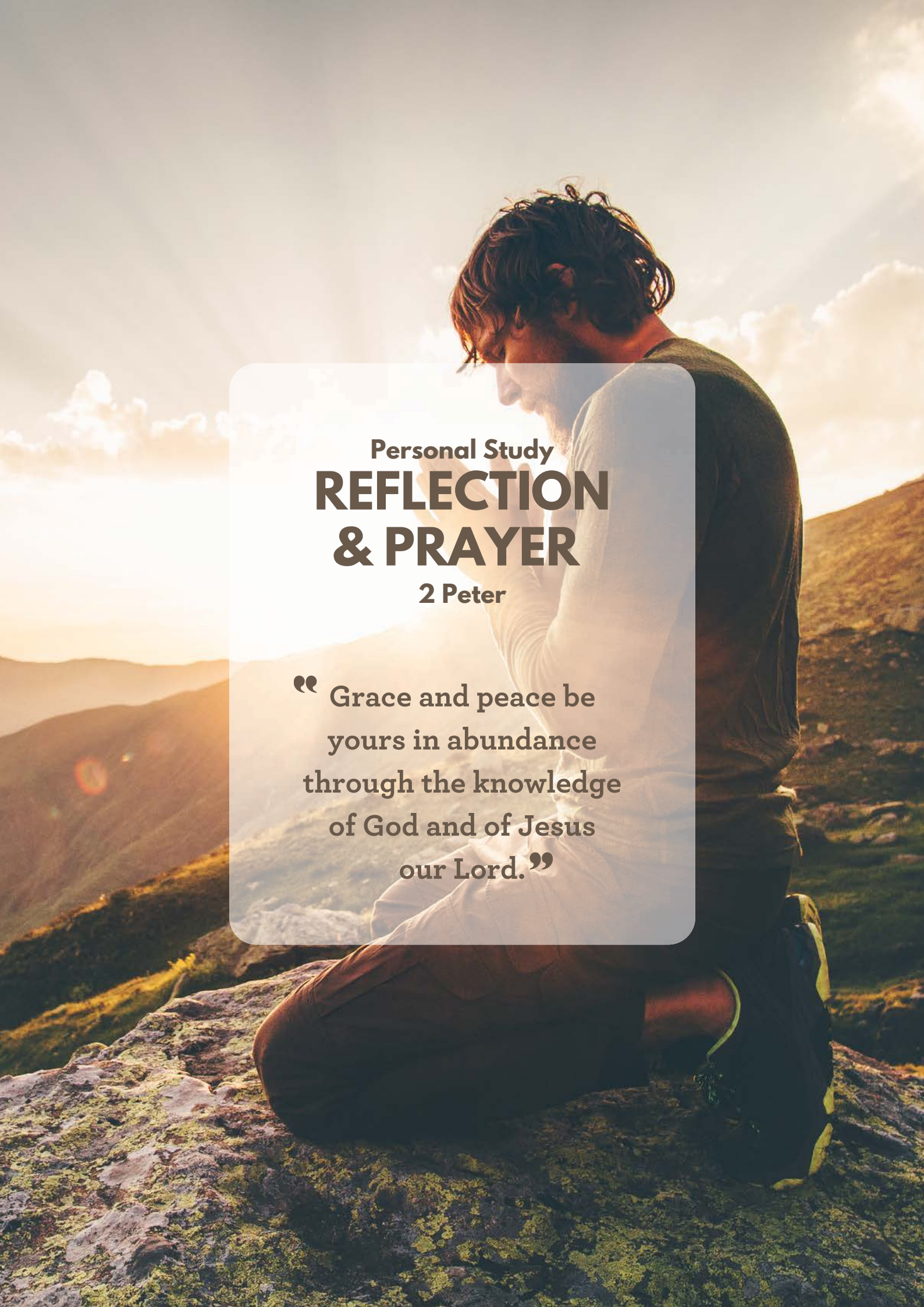
9. “Why bother being godly!” In the light of this passage how would you respond to such a comment?

10. Do you ever feel like God works too 'slowly'? How should God's work and timing (i.e. His view of time) practically shape our view and attitude towards 'time', and our involvement in God's work?

11. We began this study by thinking about the steps we take to arrange the things we look forward to. Peter desperately does not want us to miss out on the thing that Christians are most looking forward to: being with Jesus when he returns. What practical steps can you take not to fall from your secure position as well as to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"?



Prayer Notes



Personal Study
**REFLECTION
& PRAYER**

2 Peter

“ Grace and peace be
yours in abundance
through the knowledge
of God and of Jesus
our Lord. ”



Personal Study

REFLECTION & PRAYER

2 Peter

Take a half hour to ponder personally and prayerfully what you have learnt from Peter's second letter.



Ponder

In what way have you been challenged?

In what ways have you been comforted?

What will you repent of? What will you believe? What will you obey?



Prayer

In the light of the above, spend time in praise and prayer.