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OCTOBER 2: PETER'S FINAL WORDS

2 PETER 1:1-2

1. Read II Peter 1:1, what does the author say about himself?
2. What changes occurred in Peter's faith over time?
Read Matthew 14:28-31 & Acts 5:12. What do you discover about Peter's faith in Jesus?
Read Matthew 26:69-75 & Acts 2:41. What do you discover about Peter's faith in Jesus?
3. Consider how your life has been transformed since you began your personal relationship with Christ. What has changed for you?
4. Scholars believe this letter was written between c. AD 60-150. From v.2 why do you think Peter wrote, "grace and peace be multiplied"? Why is Peter focused on the "knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord"? Is there a connection between head knowledge and heart knowledge?
5. What does the wording of the greeting tell you about the condition of the audience's faith in Jesus as the Messiah? If Peter were writing to you, how might he word the greeting?
6. How are you serving Jesus today? Who are you introducing to Jesus? Who are you helping into a deeper faith?



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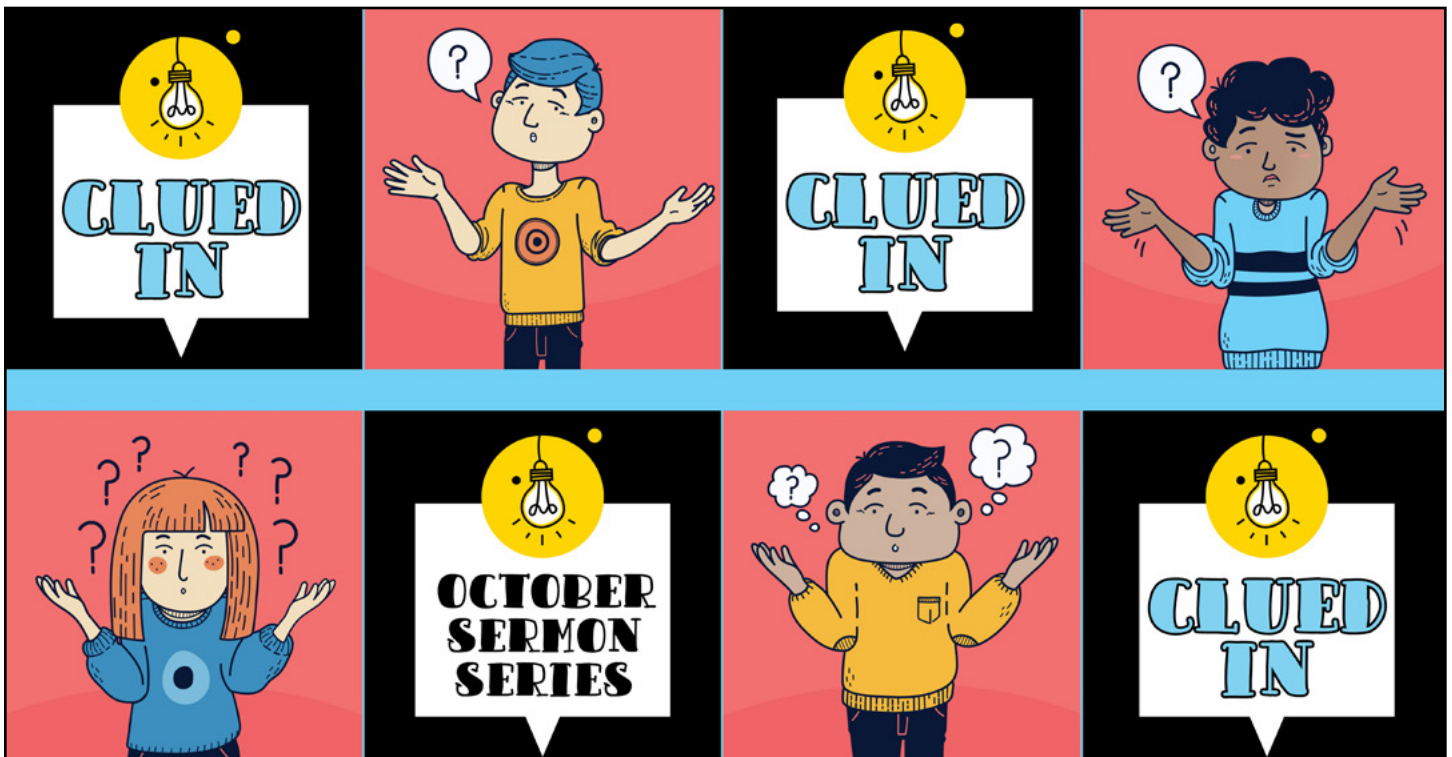


OCTOBER 9: HOW NOT TO FAIL

2 PETER 1:3-15

Godliness, virtue, divine nature, and corruption are all concepts that fascinated the philosophical false teachers of Peter's day. Peter reminded his readers of God's provisions for them to live in the world and to live a full and productive life.

1. From II Peter 1:3-4, what point is Peter making when he refers to God's power and promises? What resources of power are available to you today (II Timothy 3:16-17)? What is one promise you have been given (v.4)? What do John 16:7 and Acts 2:39 tell you of this promise?
2. The Holy Spirit gives us power that enables us to overcome the temptations of lust that result in corruption (Galatians 5:16-17). What situations in your life are challenging your spiritual growth and maturity?
3. From II Peter 1:5-7, list the qualities of a godly life. What responsibilities do you have to nourish and deepen your faith? What are you currently doing to nourish your faith outside of Sunday worship? Why is it important to grow these qualities and not simply possess them (vs.8-11)?
4. What specific things has God given you so that you can live a godly, productive life?



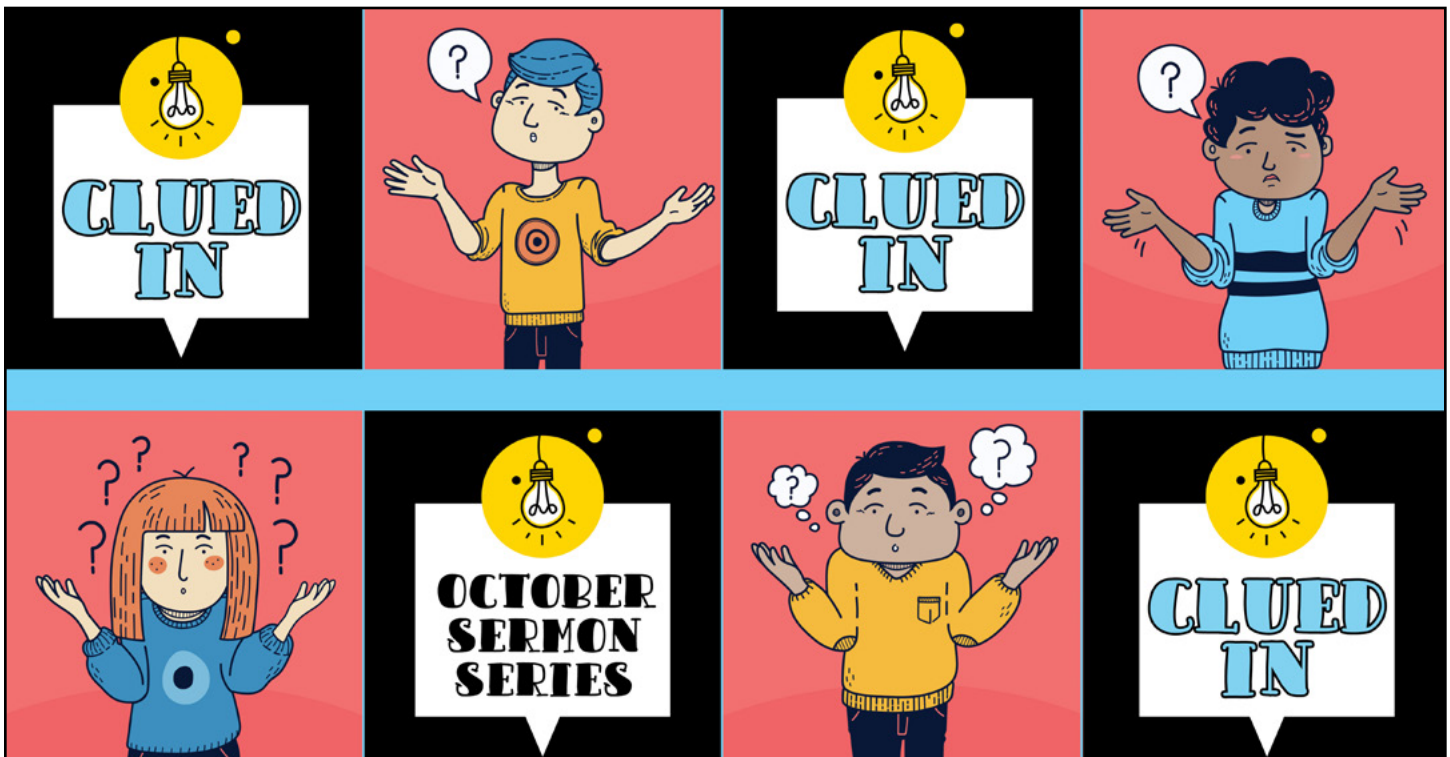
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OCTOBER 16: GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

2 PETER 1:16-21

Do you believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God? This is a fundamental question for all believers in Jesus. For us at Shepherd's Gate Church, to impact the world with the love of Jesus, that answer must be an emphatic, yes.

1. From II Peter 1:16, list some of the cleverly devised myths we still see today. Why did Peter reference his and the other disciples being eyewitnesses to the resurrection? How does this make their testimony of Christ more believable?
2. What message is Peter conveying to the reader about Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35)?
3. What prophetic word does Peter refer to in v.19? What Old Testament scripture passages point to Jesus?
4. What does Peter mean that 'no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation? What do you learn from verse 21 and how can you use that knowledge?
5. God's Word is alive (Hebrews 4:12). How are you allowing God to speak to you and through you today? How do you discern God's Word from false teaching?



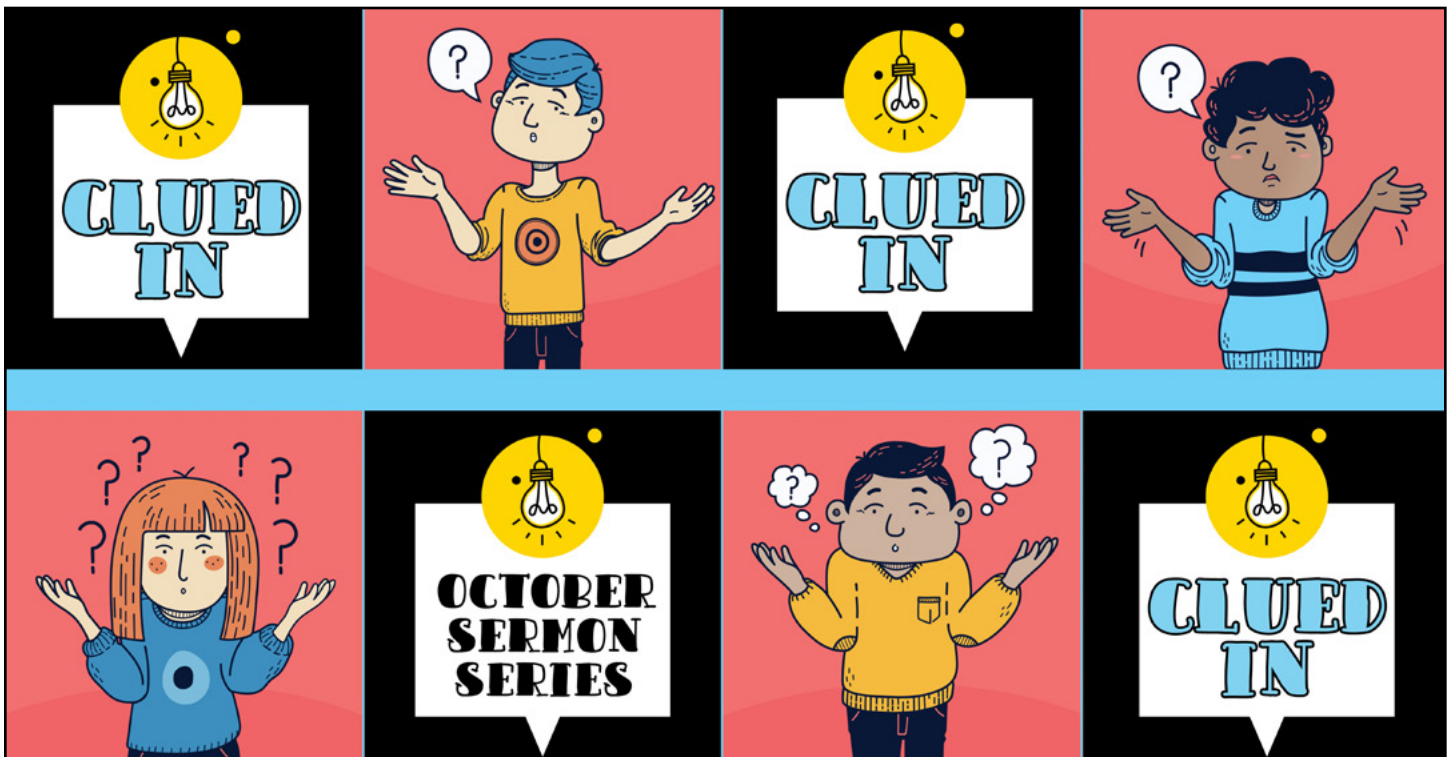
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OCTOBER 23: TOO MANY VOICES

2 PETER 2:1-22

1. What do you learn about false teachers from verses, 1-3?
2. A heresy is a teaching that isn't in line with the teaching of the Bible?
Why and how are they destructive?
3. Peter points to false teachers using false words. What effect will this have on the whole church? Can you think of examples of false teachers and false teachings we face today?
4. Read II Peter 2:4-6, list the 3 characters Peter refers to. How did God judge each and why? What do you learn from Peter's reference to Lot (v.7-9)?
How does that comfort or challenge you?
5. How does Peter warn his readers about following instruction of false teachers?
6. How can you discern false teachers and protect yourself from false teachings?



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OCTOBER 30: TIME IS SHORT

2 PETER 3:1-18

1. How did Peter feel about the believers he was writing to?
2. What is Peter warning his readers about in verses 3-6?
3. Read Psalm 90:4, what do you learn about God's timing? What hope does that offer to you as you wait the Lord's return? Is there someone who needs to be encouraged about the Lord's return?
4. How does Peter suggest people ought to live and be ready for the coming day of the Lord (vs. 11-13)? What are you doing to be ready for the coming day of the Lord?
5. What two things does Peter tell believers to do (vs. 17-18)? What are you going to do to ensure you follow these directives?