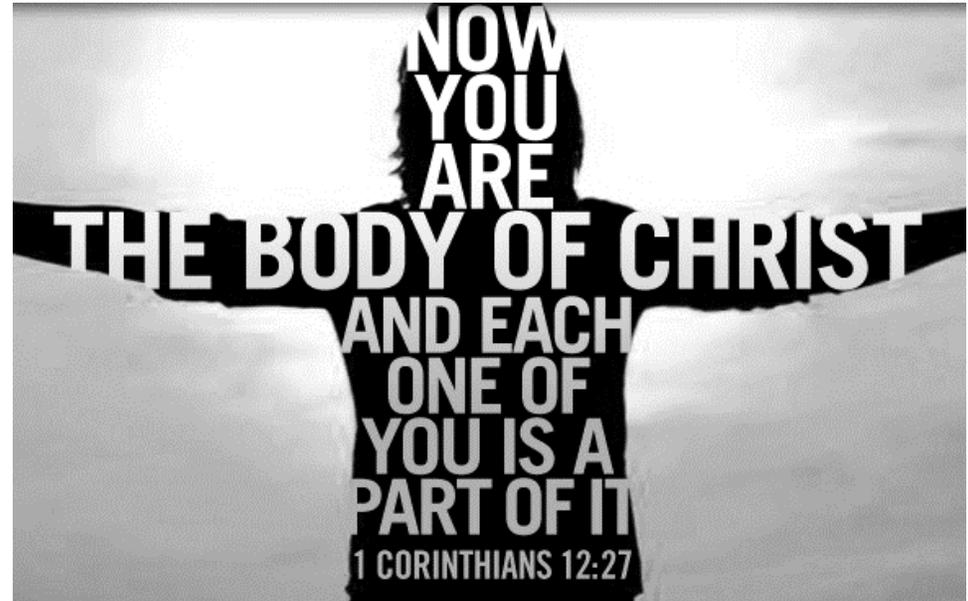


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# “A Called Community”



## Discussion Questions on 2 Peter 1:12-21

- 1.) If we are the depository of God's truth, what must we do to protect and preserve God's Word?
- 2.) In your mind, why is it so important that we believe that God's Word is absolute truth?
- 3.) What helps you remember God's Word? Can you think of any situation when it was important for you to remember something from God's Word?
- 4.) How do the events and teachings in the lives of the Old Testament prophets, Jesus Christ, and His disciples reinforce the truthfulness of God's Word?
- 5.) Why is it important to know that the truth of God was divinely given by the Spirit rather than humanly created?
- 6.) If we are also the dispensary of God's truth, what must we do to share it with others?
- 7.) In what ways does God's Word shape your life?

DECATUR *Grace*

October 17, 2021

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit** *In the Stillness of This Moment*

**Praise and Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**

UMH #108 *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* (to the tune of #89)

**Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Anthem** *I Give You Honor*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #598 *O Word of God Incarnate*

**Hearing and Responding**

**Scripture & Message**

**\*2 Peter 1:12-21**

“A Called Community: Called to Carry the Word of Revelation”

Rev. Sig Bjorklund

**Invitation to the Offering**

Proverbs 11:25

**Offertory Anthem** *He's Still the King of Kings*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn**

UMH #463 *Lord, Speak to Me*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Congregation please stand as able

Liturgist: Beth A. McLaughlin

Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

**Sermon Notes**

**“A Called Community: Called to Carry the Word of Revelation”**

**2 Peter 1:12-21**

God's people are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Our belief is that there is \_\_\_\_\_, and it's found in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

What does Peter say about knowing and keeping the truth?

The truth of God is to be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 12-15).

The truth of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 16-18).

The truth of God was given through the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 19-21).

God's people are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to those who need it.

Because God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

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*(Time for personal prayer)*

O God of Truth, we thank you for your Holy Word, for the promises, directions and light we receive from it.

**Lord, teach us more of Christ, help us retain His Truth, and grant us grace to walk in it.**

By your Spirit, help us to lift up the gates of our souls so that our Lord Jesus may enter in and reveal Himself to us as we search your Word.

**Lord, teach us more of Christ, the depth and breadth of His love and mercy, and grant us grace to follow in His way.**

Bless to our souls today all the grains of truth we gather from your Word; let them take deep root, be refreshed daily by your heavenly dew, be ripened by heavenly rays, and harvested in joy and praise to you.

**Lord, teach us more of Christ, and let His character be formed in us.**

We ask these things for the sake of those in the world who need to know your love and mercy, who need to be refreshed by your Word of Truth and who wait for your messengers to carry that Truth to them.

**Lord, teach us more of Christ, and let the treasures we glean profit our souls and become a fountain overflowing into your world.**

Overflow from us this week, Holy Spirit, with light and love, joy and peace as we move among our families, in our communities, at Hope Academy, in hospitals and care facilities and in our workplaces. Overflow into the places of suffering and illness with the light of your Truth so that renewed hope and healing may arise. Overflow into places of conflict so that your peace may calm the waters of strife and adversity. Overflow into hearts filled with grief so that your comfort may surround them. Write your Word upon our hearts and inscribe it on our lips so that all glory may be given to you, O Christ, as we carry your Word into this world. In your name we pray as you taught us....

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