

2 Peter 3:1-13

V1-5a

What sorts of people is Peter warning his readers about here (v3-5a)? What do they say and why? What do you think might make them persuasive, or hard to refute?

What is the antidote to them, v1-2?

V5-7 Remember God's word about the flood

How are God's word and God's world connected in these verses? How does that help us to be confident about Jesus' return?

V8-10 Remember God's word about time

How are God's word and God's patience connected? How does this help us to understand why Jesus has not yet returned?

V11-13

How will our confidence in the reality of Jesus' return affect our lives now? What makes the new creation so much better than the creation we live in now?

Thinking it through

What sorts of things can make it hard for us to believe that Jesus will return?

How can we make sure that we keep remembering what the Bible has to say about it?

As we think about the destruction of the heavens and the earth and the promise of the new creation, how might these realities affect our choices and priorities?

How do you think a Christian might be different from a non-Christian in our attitude to a) the world, b) the future c) those who are not yet believers?