

Living Hope

Week 17 – We Were There

Transition: In last week's text, Peter emphasized that God had given believers everything needed for a godly life through knowledge of him. He urged the recipients of his letter to supplement their faith with a variety of virtues to confirm their calling. Peter reminded them of these truths because he knew his death was close and wanted these Christians to remember his teachings after he was gone.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In today's text, Peter emphasizes that the apostles did not follow myths but were eyewitnesses of Jesus' glory. He urges believers to pay attention to the Scriptures as a light shining in a dark place and highlights the origin of Scripture.

Opening Questions:

- Have you ever had an experience that changed how you viewed something or someone? What happened?
- If you had to describe the Bible in one word, what would it be – and why?

Scripture/Storying: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- How does Peter's account of hearing God's voice at the Transfiguration (vv17-18) impact your understanding of who Jesus is?
- Verse 19 encourages believers to "pay attention" to Scripture. What are some practical ways you can do that regularly? What distracts you from paying attention?
- Peter urges believers to pay attention to Scripture "as to a lamp shining in a dark place." What does this suggest about the role of God's word in your life today?
- Verses 20-21 emphasize that prophecy does not come from human interpretation, nor does it find its origin in human will. How does this shape your understanding of the authority and origin of Scripture?
- Why is it important to understand that the prophets spoke as they were "carried along by the Holy Spirit?" How does this structure your understanding of the reliability of Scripture?
- How can this passage encourage you when you face doubts or opposition regarding the truth of the gospel message?
- In light of this passage, how should we approach the Bible today – both in reading it personally and teaching it to others?

Prayer time: - Redeem All Ministries

- Pray that the training and resources being poured into their volunteers will bear lasting fruit, leading to the holistic growth of their children—spiritually, emotionally, and socially.
- Pray for the Redeem All Ministries team as they begin preparing for their annual Children's outreach scheduled for October. May God guide every step of the planning and execution.