

September 15 – 21

Recall These Things | Rescuing the Righteous

Icebreaker: What kind of evil in today's society makes you mad? What sort of evil fails to bother you anymore?

In this session, we will consider how we should think about the evil in this world and where we can find hope as we endure trials.

Read 2 Peter 2:4–10a

Peter offers four “if” statements in verses 4–8, followed by the “then” statement in verse 9.

First, consider the “then” statement in verse 9:

- What is the main idea Peter wants them to understand from verse 9?
- Why would these Jewish believers have needed to hear this promise of rescue?
- Why would they need to hear of the certainty of judgment upon the unrighteous?

Now, consider the “if” statements in verses 4–8:

- What do you see about fallen angels in verse 4? What did Pastor Lee say about these fallen angels? Why is it important to understand what happened with these fallen angels?
- Read Genesis 6:5, 11–12. What was the nature of human wickedness before the flood?
- Read Genesis 13:13, 18:20, 19:4–5. What do you know about the wickedness of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? What does this example tell us about what awaits some people in our culture?
- What role did God play in the rescue of Noah and Lot?
- What was Lot's response to the wickedness around him?

Application

- How has and will God respond to the evil in this world? Why is that so important?
- What is the appropriate response by believers to the evil around us?
- What kind of wickedness are we repulsed by today? What sort of wickedness going on today fails to grieve us?
- How should we think about the people around us trapped in unrighteousness?
- How ought this motivate us to action?
- How does understanding your sin help you have compassion for the lost?
- Read 2 Peter 3:13 and 1 Thessalonians 5:9–11. What is our ultimate hope?