

# Pay attention to the witnesses

2 Peter 1v12-21

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January

- **Cleverly invented stories?**
- **In doubt?**
- **Perseverance: Now and then (1v10-11)**



- **Why preach to the converted? (v12-15)**

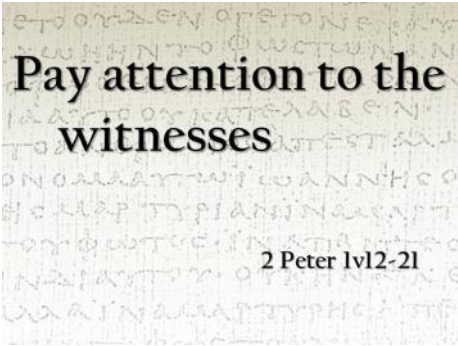
- **Believers at war...**

- **Trust the word of the eyewitnesses (v16-18)**

- The apostles authority
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Trust the message of the prophets (v19-21)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The whole counsel of Scripture

**Conversation starter:**

What do most people make of the Bible today?



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## Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

- Begin by reading 2 Peter chapter 1 together. What would seem to be the 4 biggest questions Peter seems to be addressing in this first chapter? How are these similar/different today?
- When was the last time at work/school/home when you really felt 'on the spot' because of your belief in the Bible? How did it affect you?
- In v12-15 Peter shares why he is writing. What do these verses teach us about our need to be 'teachable'? Are we?
- From these verses, in what important ways is Peter different from you? Because of that, what is Peter saying is important for the faith of everyone who came after him?
- Why do you think Peter emphasises the things he does about Jesus in v16-18?
- What is the difference between God's revelation in v16-18 and v19-21? How authoritative is/should the old and new testaments be in our lives and world today? Why?
- How might an outsider see the authority of God's revelation in your life?

Take the opportunity to reflect for a few minutes and then spend some time praying for one another