

13 LIVE EXPECTANTLY

KEY TEXT: 2 PETER 3:8-18

CENTRAL truth

In this week's teaching, Peter reminds believers to wait expectantly on the Lord. Jesus promised that He would return, but many of us want to know: *When?* The Lord's time frame is unlike our time frame, and we must choose to see this waiting period through the lens of God's patience. **Believers must live expecting Jesus's return.**

key question

How do verses 9-10 teach us about the Lord's patience and justice?

Peter invites believers to see God's supposed delay through the lens of God's patience. In His patience and kindness, the Lord desires for people to turn away from their rebellion and enjoy a relationship with Him. The waiting period we experience is truly an opportunity. While Peter reminds believers of God's patience, he is also clear that Jesus will indeed return and God's judgment over everything will take place.

keep in mind

- The future hope of Jesus's return shapes the way we live today! As you work through this week's lesson, encourage students to live with a sense of urgency. Students may mention people in their lives whom they are praying will trust in Jesus. Make notes of these individuals names (or their relationships to the student) and pray alongside students for these people to place their faith in Jesus.
- Peter reminds us that our time frame is unlike the Lord's time frame—and at times, it can be difficult to wait on the Lord and His timing. Using the **Give an Answer** and **Be Vulnerable** notes, help students discover what it means to trust in the Lord.

application

How can the promise of the new heavens and the new earth give us hope in difficult times?

the win

FOR THE STUDENT: Help students understand that we can live with joy and eagerness for Jesus's return because we know that He will fix all that is wrong and renew our world.

FOR THE LEADER: Peter's description of God's judgment against sin and corruption is intense. However, we mustn't live in fear. Remind students that, as believers, knowing that Jesus will return is a source of joy and hope.

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