

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: Read 2 Peter 1:12-21. Then think about your favorite story—what do you like about it? How and why does it grab your attention? A well-crafted story is compelling—it has drama and conflict, it speaks to the human condition and experience in ways that relate to us. One of the first things Peter tells his readers about his letter and about God’s Word is that it is no mere story. As valuable as a good story can be, God’s Word is not a cleverly designed story—it is truth. It is not a matter of any person’s opinion, it is the result of the movement of the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). As Peter neared the end of his life, he felt compelled to remind his readers of the inspiration and power of God’s Word. This continues to be an important reminder today. In a world where students are constantly being pulled to look in different directions for wisdom and guidance, they need to be reminded that there is only one reliable source of the truth—God’s Word.

Discuss the importance of reading and studying God’s Word with your son or daughter. Read Colossians 3:16, then consider whether you are allowing God’s Word to dwell in you richly as this verse says. What is unique about the Bible? Why is it important for us to pay careful attention to this truth?

CENTRAL TRUTH

The Bible is no ordinary book, it is God’s Word—we must pay careful attention to it.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Journal a list of how Scripture is described in these verses and specifically how it benefits those who follow Christ. Refer to 1 Peter 1:19-21, 2 Timothy 3:12-17, and Hebrews 4:12-13. Also consider journaling a prayer to God, acknowledging His grace in giving us His Word for our spiritual benefit and asking Him to bless our study of His Word for our spiritual growth.
- › **Memorize:** 1 Peter 1:21
- › **Pray:** Confess your need for the reminder that Peter gives us in 2 Peter 1:12-21. Ask that God would make you attentive to this reminder. Pray that He would wake up you to how deeply you need His Word to minister to your heart every day. Pray that your study of His Word would move you to a more active obedience to Christ and a more faithful witness of Him to the world around you.