

PROGRAM

FRIDAY

6:00pm *ff* Arrive, get settled, supper, free time

SATURDAY

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am **SESSION 1**

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am **SESSION 2**

1:00pm Lunch

2:00pm *ff* **Free Time**
(optional activities to be advised on the day)

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm **Fun for the Whole Family**

8:00pm *ff* Free Time (with supper)

SUNDAY

8:00am Breakfast & Room Pack-Up

9:15am **SESSION 3**

10:45am Morning Tea

11:15am **SESSION 4**

1:00pm Lunch

1:45pm **SESSION 5**

2:45pm Close



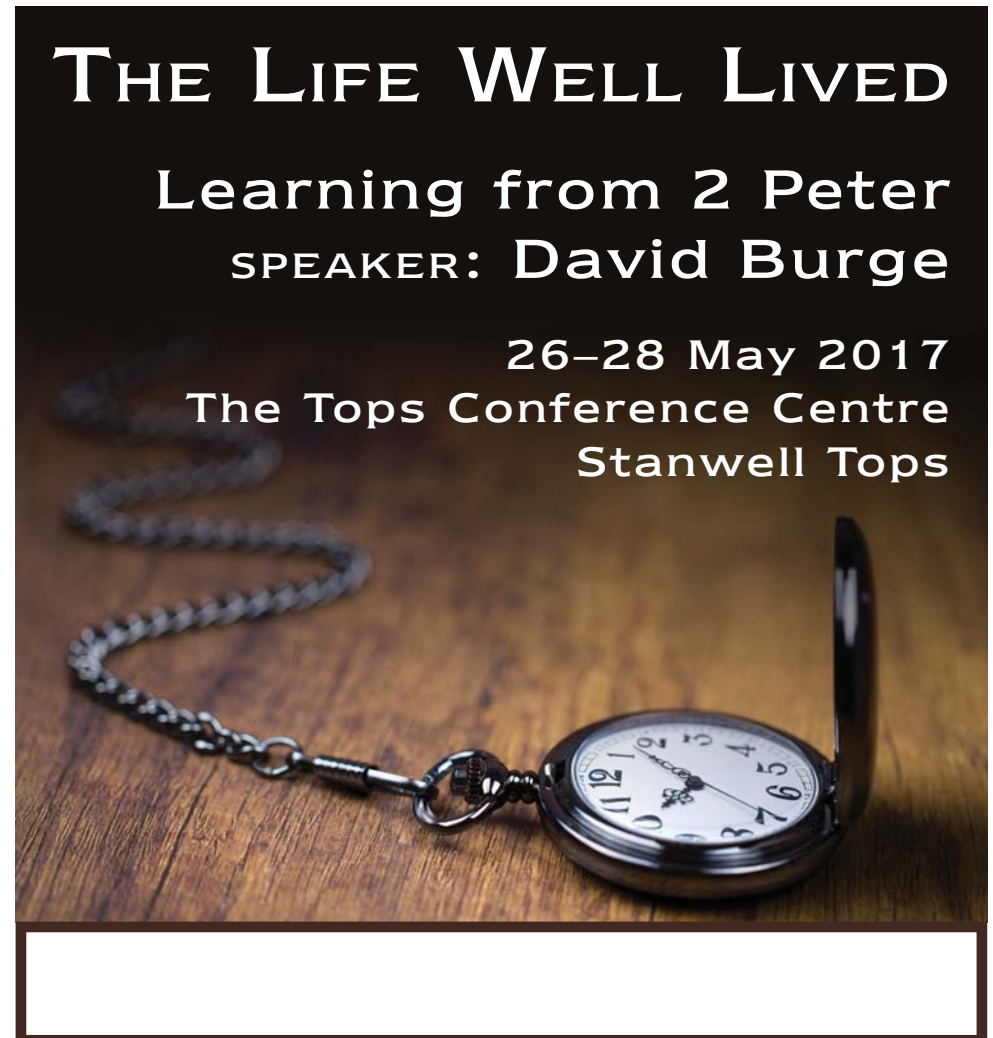
ESCAPE '17

THE LIFE WELL LIVED

Learning from 2 Peter
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Talk 1

2 Peter 1:1-11

The Fruitful Life

Living Well: God's Part and Ours

A Life Well-Lived: How does that happen? What is God's part, and what is ours?

1. What is God's part? (vv. 1-4)

Isn't it good to have God 'on the job' for us!

Lord, with your wind in our sails, we'll go your way!

2. Our part: 7 traits God develops in us. (verses 5-7)

It's okay if life sometimes feels like 'a long obedience in the same direction.'

3. The eternal benefits of a life lived God's way! (verses 8-11)

How aware are you of the immense potential of your life?

Talk 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

A Life on Sure Foundations

Jesus Christ: Fact or Fiction?

1. How can we be certain Jesus is the real deal?
2. Witness 1: Eyewitness Testimony to the Glorious Son (vv. 16-18)

What we saw and heard: *God himself testified to Jesus' identity!*

3. Witness 2: The 'made-more-sure' Old Testament (vv. 19-21)
4. The only reasonable conclusion? Scripture and its good news must be 'from God'! (v. 21)
5. What difference would greater certainty, clarity, and conviction about Jesus make for your Christian life?

Questions for Reflection (2 Peter 1:1-11)

One of the wonderful struggles of the Christian life is trying to grasp, more and more, how good we've got it in Christ! New treasures always await our discovery. May this passage reveal new things to you today!

1. How in the past has your view of yourself been less than the view of you provided by verses 1-4?
2. In what sense can it be said that God loves us too much to leave us stuck as we are? What have these instructions (esp. verses 5-7) got to do with God helping us? Put another way, how are Christian ethics part of the 'good news'?
3. Why might we neglect striving for and pursuing these things that lead to more and more fruitfulness? How might verses 8-11 help as motivation for you to pursue the best life?
4. How have you seen these traits (verses 5-7) lived out in your Christian family at Northbridge? In what ways do these traits bear fruit among you? What would be lost if they were absent?
5. What's one thing from this that you'd like to take into your life from now on?

Questions for Reflection (2 Peter 1:16-21)

1. Do you ever feel unsure or embarrassed about the claims of Christianity? What forms does the world's scepticism about Jesus take in your lives? E.g. Family, workplace, friends.
2. In what ways might the world's attitudes 'shut you down' or cause you to be less than transparent about your devotion to Jesus?
3. What would greater transparency look like? In a world that seems to value people 'being real', how might you be more real with people about your loves, beliefs, and in particular, your devotion to Jesus? At what point does this make you feel awkward? Why is that?
4. What difference would greater certainty, clarity, and conviction make for your life – that Jesus is 'the real deal' and truly 'from God'? What's stopping you from having just that?

Talk 3

2 Peter 3:1-13

A life well lived is a life that waits well!

1. Remember my reminder about Jesus: Cling tight. (verses 1-2)

2. Some will say God's warning of judgment is fiction. (verses 3-6)

What, then, has God got in store for the world? (v. 7)

3. So is God slow? No, He's patient! (verses 8-10)

4. What then shall we do? How shall we live? (verses 11-13, see also 14-15, 17-18)

Since we must wait, let's wait *well!*

Questions for Reflection

(2 Peter 3:1-13)

1. Look at chapter 1:12-14 and 3:1-2. Why do you think Peter might repeatedly talk about the need Christians have to intentionally, deliberately, *remember* what we already know?
2. In what ways does having a church family help us to 'remember' what we know of Jesus? If we were to be more deliberate about this, what might it look like?
3. In verses 3-7, Peter raises and then addresses those false teachers who mock the idea that Jesus will return in power to judge the world. What form does scepticism about Jesus' return take today, and how sure are you of his return?
4. Peter shares some of what he knows of Jesus' judgement as the way by which God will make everything right (verses 7-12). What is your response to the details of those end-time events? Why do you think God wants us to know about them now, *before* they happen?
5. Why do you think Peter picks the traits he does in verses 11-15 (godliness, etc). How might the picture of the end help us to pursue this kind of life? What would these traits look like for you?

NOTES

DISCUSSION GROUPS