

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**  
**2 Peter 3:1-9**  
***Understanding the Times***

***Getting Started***

Describe an experience you had when time seemed to stand still.

***Digging In***

1. **Read 2 Peter 3:1-9.** Jot down your first impressions.
2. **Read vss. 1-2.** What do you think Peter means by *reminders* in vs. 1? What is he reminding them about? (Cf. 1:12-15)
3. How does what Peter says in v. 2 compare with what we learned from 1:16-21?
4. **Read vss. 3-4.** Describe the character of these scoffers.
5. What is the gist of their argument?
6. **Read vss. 5-7.** How does Peter answer their argument?
7. **Read vss. 8-9.** In what way does God relate differently to time than we do?
8. What is the reason that God sometimes appears to delay in carrying out judgment?
9. Read Ezekiel 18:23. What light does this verse shed on the reason why God sometimes delays judgment?



***Getting Personal***

- Does it sometimes seem to you like God's judgment is overdue? How does this passage help us to rest in God's timing?
- Would you say that you share God's heart of compassion for those who don't yet know him?
- In what practical ways can we show and share God's mercy?