**Homiletics I**

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**War Time!**

**Outline Manuscript for 2 Peter 3:3 (cyclical Inductive)**

Topic: In The Last Days

Subject: Why we need to equip ourselves with the knowledge of God today?

Complement: False Teachers would come to attack our faith.

Purpose: The listeners will realize the important of their learning at SBC. They are to be equipped so that they can equip other.

**Introduction**

1. Arouse Interest:
2. ILL: Singapore New headline. Singapore just won her first ever Olympic gold medal in history. During an interview with the swimmers. The reporter asked him whether he can share his path of success. The champion looks at her and says, “Actually I just learn how to swim the day before the competition.” You know it is impossible. We cannot be good if we do not have enough time to train ourselves.
3. Raise need
4. ILL: Someone said, “I do not know why I am in Bible College. There are so many people out there need to be served and win for Christ. I find myself wasting my time here.”
5. Why do we need Bible College? Why the need to study? What is purpose for us to be here?
6. Subject:

Why the need to equip ourselves in the knowledge of God today?

1. Background:

Let’s turn our bible to 2 Peter 3:1-3. Peter knew he was going to die soon and he was concerned for his people because he predicted that there would be an increase of false teachers or scoffers. Therefore in chapter 3:1-2, he tried to stimulate his audience to remember the teaching of the OT, Jesus and the apostles so that they would fall away from the truth..

1. Preview:

Peter gives us three reasons why we need the knowledge of God [repeat subject] why do we need to equip ourselves. (The first reason is…..)(transition)

1. We need knowledge to *discern the scoffers* (3a)

**[We need to identify the scoffers in the last days.]**

1. ‘In the last days’ simply means the time between Christ’s first and second comings; therefore, we are living in the last days.
2. In the last days scoffers or false teachers will come. In other words, we should not be surprised to live with the scoffers today
3. They must come to fulfill Peter’s’ prophesy.
4. To prove the accuracy of God’s Word
5. ILL: A professor, who denied the Word of God, gathered all the research he had done and tried to prove to his Christian friend that the word is not true. The Christian looked at him and smile and said that “I thank you because you had just proven to me that the bible is accurate and true. The bible says people like you will come in the last day”
6. The problem is not the coming scoffer because they must come but do we have the knowledge to recognize
7. We need God’s Word to recognize false teaching.
8. ILL: What is the thing on my hand? You can recognize it because you already had the knowledge but a baby will not recognize it because they do not have the knowledge to do it yet.
9. ILL: As a coach I am able to analyze better than you because I have the knowledge and I am train

 (knowledge helps to discern and defend our faith too….)[transition]

1. We need knowledge to *defend our faith* (3b)

**[Knowledge helps us to stand firm]**

1. The scoffers will aim to attack the truth and your faith.
2. They would criticize you and question your faith!
	1. ILL: Reading from BBC station, "You Christians have been threatening us with warnings about a terrible judgment upon the world. You tell us that God is going to intervene in history, punish the wicked, and destroy the earth. It's all a pack of nonsense. We have nothing to fear. We can live as we please. There is no evidence that God ever has intervened in history; why should we believe that He ever will?"
	2. If someone questions you in this manner, what is your response?
3. We need to believe that God’s is certain
4. We need to believe that God’s Word never change.
5. Our faith must not be shaken. ILL: Remember my persuasion speech about the best pepper crab in town? You may not agree with me but that will not change my mind because in my mind, the crab in Joo Chiat is always the best.
6. We should have the same attitude. They may deny God’s word but that will not change the fact our bible is the Word of God.

(Finally…)

1. We need knowledge to *walk in holiness* (3c)

**[Godliness begins with knowledge]**

1. The reasons scoffer live godlessly was because they do not fear God and they do not believe in the second judgment
2. ILL: The reason we live the way we live today is because we believe in the coming of Christ. We do evangelism, keeping our lives pure and serving in the ministry because we believe we have to give an account when we meet Christ. But imagine if there is no second judgment? Everything we are doing will be meaningless. When we do not believe in second judgment, we will live godlessly.
3. If we want to walk in holiness, we need to obey God’s instructions.
	1. ILL: I realize in my badminton team. Player who try to remember and practice my instruction often they are the one who improve the fastest. The bible is God instruction for our holy living. If we want to keep our lives holy we have to obey his instruction?
	2. ILL: “Three little girls were talking about their dads. One said, ‘My father is a doctor, and he practices medicine.’ Another said, ‘My dad’s an attorney, and he practices law.’ The third said, ‘My father is a Christian, but he doesn’t practice any more.’ There are many half-hearted Christians in our society today. If you do not want to be a half-hearted Christians. Take the Bible seriously.

**Conclusion**

1. It is so essential that we have the knowledge of God today because scoffers will come to attack faith. [MI]
2. We need the knowledge of God to discern, defend our faith and live a holy life. [MI restated]
3. Are we ready for it? Maybe you are but how about your church members?
4. ILL: A man went to the classroom and told a lie to a boy. He told him that he could no longer go home anymore because his parents had decided to leave him. They left because they did not love him anymore. What do you think the impact will be on this small boy?
5. [APP] Our role in school is more than just getting good result. I believe God call us to SBC to equip ourselves so that we can equip others
6. [APP] We should diligent study the Word of God so that we can teach our sheep how to protect themselves and not fall into the hands of the evil ones
7. Let’s take our work here in school seriously so that we can be equipped for the Lord. Amen!

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**Wolf Is Coming!**

**2Peter 3:3 (cyclical inductive)**

**Introduction**

1. Arouse interest: You are what you practice. ILL: Unequipped Olympic gold medalist.
2. Raise need: ILL: Someone said, “I do not know why I am in Bible College?”

 Why do we need Bible College? Why the need to study? What is purpose for us to be here?

1. Subject: Today we will go through the book of 2 Peter chapter 3:3 and understand why the need to equip ourselves in the knowledge of God today.
2. Background: Peter was worried that his audience might lose their walk with God because of the false teaching. Thus, he stimulates his audience to remember the teaching of the OT, Jesus and the apostles because scoffers will come in the last day.
3. Preview: Peter gives us three reasons why we need to the knowledge the God [Repeat Subject] and the reason is….(transition)
4. We need the knowledge to *discern the scoffer* (3a)

**[We need to identify the false teachers in the last days]**

* 1. In the last day means the period between 1st and 2nd second coming of Jesus
	2. We should not be surprised to live with the scoffers today.
1. They must come to fulfill Peter’s prophecy.
2. To prove the accuracy of God’s Word. ILL: The Christian and the professor
	1. We need God’s Word to recognize false teaching.
3. ILL: You know that’s my Bible.
4. ILL: Coach can analyze better.
5. We need the knowledge to *defend our faith*(3b)

**[Knowledge helps us to stand firm]**

1. The scoffers aim to attack the truth and our faith.
2. They would criticize and question your faith. ILL: BBC news
3. We need to be certain about God’s Word.
4. We need to believe that God’s Word will never change
5. Our faith will not be shaken. ILL: Crab in Joo chiat is still the best!
6. We need the knowledge to *walk in holiness* (3c)

**[Godliness begins with knowledge]**

1. Two reasons for godless living
2. They do not fear God
3. They do not believe in the second judgment. ILL: Christian believe in 2nd coming
4. Obey God’s instructions keep us holiness.
5. ILL: Those who do well are those who obey and follow the instruction.
6. Don’t be a half hearted Christian. ILL: My father doesn’t practice any more.

**Conclusion**

1. It is so essential that we have the knowledge of God today because scoffers will attack Him [MI]. Knowledge helps us to discern, defend and live a holy life. [MI Restated]
2. Are you ready for it? Maybe you are but what about your Church members?
3. Impact on new Christian’s faith [ILL: the liar]
4. I believe God call us to equip ourselves so that we can equip others.[APP] Our role in school is more than just getting good result. We should diligent study the Word of God so that we are able to help our brother and sister in Church. [APP]
5. Let’s take our work here in school seriously so that we can be equipped for the Lord. Amen!