

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 4, 2009

Passage: 2 Peter 1:5-11

Memory Passage: 2 Peter 1:10

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 1:5-7.** What does it mean to “supplement” (ESV) something?
- (b) Taking the rest of these, what are the connections between these? Is there an order? If there is a connection and order, what are those connections between each of these?
- (c) Why is it important to note that the list begins with faith versus any of the other virtues (Romans 1:17; 14:23)?
- (d) What might be the purpose of love being the ending quality (1Cor 13:2, 13)?
- (e) *Family:* Read 2 Peter 1:5-7. Talk about what each of these virtues means. What would it be like to have one of these virtues without the one that is paired with it? How does this list help us to know how to strengthen our faith? Which one of these might you need to supplement yourself with? Pray that the Lord would strengthen each one of these in your life so that your life would result in love and be firm in faith.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 1:8.** It’s one thing to have some of these qualities, but is it enough to exhibit some of these qualities? What are the dangers of thinking that you have achieved a satisfactory level of these virtues?
- (b) What should our attitude be like (Phil. 3:8-10; 1Thess. 3:11-13; 1Pet 2:2-3)? How do we cultivate a desire to increase in such qualities (Phil 1:9-11; John 15:5-11)?
- (c) How is this verse connected with Genesis 3:17-19? What would you do to be kept from being unfruitful or ineffective in your business, house work, school work, or hobby?
- (d) Read Colossians 1:9-10. What does Paul connect with knowledge in this passage? So, why is it that our spiritual lives are unfruitful or ineffective? Which of these virtues do you need to grow in?
- (e) *Family:* Read 1 Peter 1:8 and Colossians 1:9-10. Talk about what kind of knowledge Paul is referring to here. What would it be like to always succeed in something? Sum up this verse in your own words. How is this verse encouraging/motivating? Pray that the Lord would fill you with a passion to pursue Him with all your heart.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 1:9.** What is the connection between the first part of verse 9 and the last part? Why would lacking these qualities necessarily imply that you had failed to remember your salvation?
- (b) What is our motivation to do these works then? How does Paul argue something similar in Romans 6:1-6? What does Paul tell us to do?
- (c) According to this passage, what should be part of our purpose in life once we receive forgiveness in Christ (Titus 3:5-7)?
- (d) Do you ever think about improving these qualities in your life or think about if you are increasing? What part of your day is used in supplementing your life with these virtues?
- (e) *Family:* Read 2 Peter 1:9. Go over the qualities again. Why would lacking these mean that we have forgotten that we have been forgiven? What does this mean for how can we grow in these qualities? Go down the list and ask how is each one of these linked to our forgiveness in Christ? Thank God for His son and the forgiveness He brings!

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 1:10.** Why would Peter use the words “calling” and “election” in this passage? Who is it that calls us and elects us (Rom. 1:6; 8:28-30; 9:10-15; Gal. 1:6, 15)?
- (b) Is losing or keeping this calling or election up to us (John 10:28-30; 1Peter 1:3-5)?
- (c) So, to whom are we to make our election sure? To God? To others? To ourselves? (Mt. 7:17-20; James 2:18-20, 26).
- (d) The last half of this verse gives us a promise. Do you believe this statement to be true? How would our lives be different if we truly did this? What keeps us from believing the truth of this statement?

(e) *Family* Read 2 Peter 1:10. Talk about the words “calling” and “election.” Look up some of the verses in (a). Why are we to make our calling sure? Are we trying to convince someone? Are we trying to make sure it is still there? What does making our calling sure mean? Thank God for His calling us and pray for strength to make sure of your calling.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 2 Peter 1:11.** How does this verse continue on the thought from the previous verse? Why would the adverb “richly” be a key word in this passage?

(b) What kind of picture is painted for the believer when they enter into the kingdom having practiced these things? How should this call us to live now (Luke 12:32-34)?

(c) How is it that we are distracted from the riches promised to us with the return of Christ? What are those things that keep us focused on the immediate and not the eternal (Matt 6:24-34)?

(d) *Family:* Read 2 Peter 1:11 and Matt 6:24-34. Talk about what this picture of our entrance into heaven could be like. What keeps us from being motivated to live for the riches to come? What are things that distract you? Pray that the Lord would refocus your mind and give you victory over the temporary desires of this world.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. What has God convicted you of this week that you need to be faithful to practice? How can you begin supplementing your faith? Are you living for the temporary or for the eternal? Pray for God’s help and direction in all that you do so that you may have a rich entrance in that future day!

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The Assurance of Faith

“If you practice these things you will never fall”