

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon Series: *Steady Sojourners*

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-15

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Grace motivates Christians to Work Hard at Holy Living

In Peter's second letter to elect yet exiled Christians, his primary area of concern is that believers would remain steadfast in the midst of false teaching. In other words, Peter writes to encourage their sanctification by addressing and clearing up the false teaching that would hinder and undermine their steady sojourning. This passage, 1:1-15, particularly shows what we have received and what kind of change has taken place when we come to Christ. When we know Christ, we have everything we need for life and godliness. It is this knowledge that when applied, yields a fruitful and effective life for the glory of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In your life, have you ever felt ineffective or unfruitful? What do you think were contributing factors?

READ 2 Peter 1:1-4

The Source of Salvation

1. Who is Peter writing to and what is significant about how he identifies them? (v1)
2. According to verses 1-4, what is the basis and goal of the Christian life?
3. What is the scope of verse 3 (Does verse 3 have limits?)
 - a. If verse 3 is true (which it is!), what then keeps us from living godly lives?

READ 2 Peter 1:5-11

4. How do verses 5-11 relate to verses 1-4?
 - a. Do the commands "make every effort" and "confirm your calling and election" seem to work against the doctrines of grace?
 - b. Is the gospel of grace opposed to effort and energy? Why or why not?
5. In v5-11, what heart posture or way of life is Peter combatting?
 - a. What is Peter's recourse? What truth and motivation does he provide?
6. Based on these verses, how would you encourage a fellow believer who is struggling with assurance of salvation?
7. How do verses 1-11 relate to the opening question about being ineffective or unfruitful?

READ 2 Peter 1:12-15

8. Take note of the 3x repeat: "...remind..."; "...reminder..."; "...recall..." (verses 12, 13, 15). Also, note that to "stir up" means to "wake up".
 - a. How do reminders wake us up?
 - b. What truths about Jesus and the gospel do you need to be reminded of this week?