

GROWING IN THE GOSPEL
2 PETER 1:3-11
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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. **Pastor Ben talked about trust and a story where his son needed to trust he would be there for him, have you ever taught someone something that required earning their trust? Explain.**
2. **God has granted to us all that we need to grow in the Gospel (v3-4)**
 - a. Since it is true that Scripture has everything we need to grow in the Gospel, which comes through an increased knowledge of God, how can we increase in the knowledge of God and what tools do we have to do that?
 - b. In 2 Peter 1:4 it says, "he has granted to us his precious and very great promises." Give a few of the great promises referred to here, what promises are you living on today?
3. **God commanded us to make every effort to grow in the Gospel. we don't make every effort to grow in order to earn a position with God. Rather we make every effort to grow out of our position with God. (v5-9)**
 - a. Look at the following character traits as listed in 2 Peter chapter 1, discuss their meaning. How can you demonstrate these characteristics/make every effort to grow? (Virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, Godliness, brotherly affection, love)
 - b. Like taking all of the steps to protect your home in a hurricane how do the virtues in this passage protect you from being ineffective and fruitless?
 - c. Pastor Ben mentioned what he calls a "Gospel Gap". ("for most of our lives we live spectacularly unsatisfied because the Gospel isn't making any difference in our day to day lives.") In what ways have you forgotten that you have been cleansed from your sins? (v9)
4. **Increasing growth in the Gospel confirms our calling and election (v10-11) Preach the Gospel to yourself every day involves meditating on the Good news of Jesus Christ. Don't forget! And as you increasingly grow in the Gospel it confirms your salvation. And that leads us to this beautiful promise in vs. 11.**
 - a. How would you define diligence? What areas in your life have you had to be diligent? What was the goal and the outcome of your diligence?
 - b. Since we have been granted (as a gift) salvation, what part does diligence play in confirming, our calling and election?
 - c. What steps do you need to take in the next 7 days to be more diligent in your efforts to supplement your faith?

Other References: John 17:3, (Promises: 1 John 1:9, Romans 8:1, John 14:26, Hebrews 4:15-16, Revelation 21:3-4) 2 Peter 1:2, 1 Corinthians 13