

June 26th, 2016 Message Discussion Questions

1. Check in Question (almost 4th of July!): go around and share favorite 4th of July food or tradition.
2. Review the main ideas of the message together:
 - What do you remember?
 - What stood out to you?
3. Read 2 Peter 1.3-11 together as a group.
 - What observations do you make? (reminder – an observation is irrefutable – meaning no one can argue with it. Only talk about things you noticed that are that clearly in the text – no opinions yet!)
 - Now try to sum up as a group in a sentence or two what the main idea of just these verses is (think: “what would Peter have wanted his audience to understand?”)
 - Finally – what kind of application is here for our lives today?
4. Talk about as a group the connection in v4 between the promises of God and how they transform us.
 - What are some promises we are aware of from the Bible? (list)
 - How do those help us share in the divine nature?
5. Go through the list of qualities in vv5-7 as a group and make sure you can define each. (put in your own words)
6. Does it feel a little “legalistic” to work to bring a list like this into our lives?
 - How do we avoid being legalistic and still obey what the Word says here?
 - (hint to leader – the key is in v8 – the end goal of all is to grow in knowledge of Christ with every one)
 - now go back through these qualities with that filter:
 - how do you USE (example: self control) to grow in the knowledge of Christ?
 - talk about how any of the others maybe stood out to you the same way.
7. We’ve said in the past 2 Peter is all about “reminders.” What’s one thing (maybe familiar thing) from the text you’re going to keep with you this week in your own walk with God?
8. Pray for one another along these lines before you go.