

5. Read and reflect on Peter's spiritual growth and discipleship journey in Matthew 4:18-20, 16:13-17:5, 26:33,35, 26:69-75; John 21:15-19. What observations are new or stand out to you? What encourages you in your own spiritual growth?

6. Do you find yourself needing to grow spiritually in head knowledge or heart knowledge? Why? Spend a few minutes thinking about some steps you can take to do that beginning this summer.

Dying Words (A Series on 2 Peter)

"More Than A Greeting"

2 Peter 1:1-2

More Than A Greeting

1:1 a "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ."

It matters who this letter is written by. In fact _____ Peter is serves as the foundation of _____ he is writing about and _____ people will hear it and take action.

1:1 b "To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours."

Peter is writing to people who are already Christians in the _____.

1:2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Peter is calling Christians to _____ spiritual growth through the power of God and sacrifice of Jesus.

Two types of Growth

Growing in our _____ knowledge is taking in new information and learning about God and the story we are a part of.

Growing in _____ knowledge is taking steps to live and act in light of what we know and believe.

Peter is writing to Christ followers like you and me giving them _____ to live out in light of their _____ and belief.

"...The difference between being a Christian and just being a good, moral, religious person is this: You can heap up moral deeds and religious activities, and you can read your Bible and pray and go to church and give to the poor and be very, very active and not actually be growing wiser and better and deeper and happier." Tim Keller

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Before you begin, spend 10 minutes in quiet reflection. What things are on your heart and mind?
2. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
3. Read 2 Peter 1:1 slowly. What point do you think Peter is making to the recipients of this letter when he refers to a "faith as precious as ours?" Who do you think he is referring to? Why is this significant to those he is writing to?