

FAITH Grows

Community Group Discussion Guide

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My Best

2 Peter 1:1-15

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Introduction

In 2 Peter 1:1-15 the Apostle Peter tells us what healthy growth looks like in the Christian life. This sort of growth is (1) rooted in God's grace, (2) involves our effort, and (3) bears fruit in us and through us.

Questions for Study

1. In 2 Peter 1:1-15 the Apostle Peter helps us understand what true Christian growth looks like. Why is it important to know what healthy growth as a believer involves? (Or, put another way, what are the dangers of NOT knowing what healthy growth looks like?)
2. In 2 Peter 1:3-4 Peter roots our growth in God's grace – the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His promises to us. Why is it important for God's grace to be the source of our growth?
3. Are there other things that can compete with grace for your motivation to grow in godliness? What are they?
4. How can you sink your roots deeply in God's grace for growing in godliness? What does this look like practically?
5. Look at the list of virtues Peter lists in 2 Peter 1:5-7. As a group, discuss definitions of these virtues and what it looks like to live out these virtues.
6. Pick one or two of these virtues and explain what you can do personally to "make every effort" (v. 5) to grow in this area.
7. 2 Peter 1:8-11 shows us that Christian growth bears fruit in us and through us. Are there ways you've seen the "fruit" of Christian growth in your life?
8. Are there ways you've seen the "fruit" of Christian growth in the lives of others in your group? Encourage one another by sharing what you've seen.
9. What can your Community Group do to encourage this kind of healthy Christian growth (that we read about in 2 Peter 1:1-15) in the lives of its members? Get as practical as you can in your responses.