



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

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This week we come to 2 Peter 1:3-9 looking at what it is to be partakers of His divine nature. Peter begins by reminding us that God's divine power has already given us everything we need for life and godliness through knowing and receiving Jesus. Through God's promises, we are invited to become partakers of the divine nature. Then Peter calls us to actively supplement our faith with qualities that increasingly reflect the character of Christ. Read 2 Peter 1:3-9, discuss these questions and other scriptures together, and may we allow God to shape and mold us more and more into His image!

DIGGING DEEPER:

****Sunday's sermon emphasized an important tension: we are not trying to manufacture something God has failed to give us. God has already provided the life. Our role is to participate in that life—to abide in Christ and allow His character to increasingly become visible BOTH in us and through us...**

1. Read: II Peter 1:3–4; Ephesians 1:3; II Corinthians 9:8. Before Peter tells us to make every effort, he reminds us of what God has already done. Why is this order important??
2. How might our approach to following Jesus change if we truly believed that God has already provided what we need to live a godly life?
3. When you face a temptation, difficult relationship, spiritual weakness, or challenging circumstance, do you tend to think, "I don't have what it takes," or do you consciously depend upon what God has already provided? What would it look like to begin responding differently?
4. Read: II Peter 1:4; John 15:1–11; Galatians 2:20. What do these passages teach us about the source of the Christian life and following Jesus in holy conduct? What is the difference between trying harder to imitate Jesus and actually abiding in Jesus??
5. What does "abiding in Christ" practically look like in your daily life? Where do you most need to move from simply trying to behave like Jesus to consciously depending upon the life of Jesus??
6. Read: II Peter 1:5–7; Philippians 2:12–13; Galatians 5:16–25. Peter moves from "God has granted" to "make every effort." How do we hold these two truths together—that God produces the life in us, yet we are responsible to actively pursue Christlike growth? What does healthy spiritual effort look like when it is empowered by God's Spirit rather than driven by self-will?
7. Where do you need to make a deliberate spiritual effort right now? Is there a habit, relationship, temptation, attitude, or area of obedience where you have been waiting for change without actively participating with what God is doing?
8. Read: II Peter 1:5–7; Galatians 5:22–23. Peter gives a progression of faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. Which of these qualities most exposes an area where you need to grow?
9. Why do you think that particular quality is important for your current walk with Jesus?
10. Choose one quality. What would it look like to intentionally practice that quality this week—not merely think about it, but actually put it into action??