



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 27th October 2024



2 Peter 1:1-11

Warm Up

How do you think that secular people in the UK view the church and understand the concept of faith?

Background and context

Jesus said: *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* At our recent baptism service we heard testimonies from people who have experienced this this new fulfilled life. In today's passage Peter describes the Christian faith as unashamedly supernatural. Our faith is not just an acceptance of a set of beliefs but a supernatural relationship with the living God. Today the Church faces division from within. Those who seek to align the faith with current secular thinking removing any supernatural elements, and those who seek to maintain a more biblical, Jesus centred faith and lifestyle.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

READ 2 Peter 1:1-11. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. Can you find reference or inference to these five words within the passage? **Precious, Powerful, Personal, Purposeful and Permanent.** Highlight them in your Bible or on a copy of the text.
2. Peter is referring to the Gospel when he uses or makes inference to these words.
Think about
 - * Why is the gospel **precious** to you?
 - * How have you experienced the **power** of the Gospel?
 - * In what ways has knowing God **personally** helped you?
 - * Why does the Gospel create a new **purpose** for people?
 - * What excites you about eternal life in perfectly restored creation?

Read v 4-8.

3. What is the reason that God gave us "*precious promises*" (NIV)? What does it reveal about God's heart? What are some of the promises that are special to you?
4. Faith is enough for salvation. How does Peter suggest we can make our lives effective and productive?

Read v 9-11

6. What is Peter suggesting in these verses?

Discipleship and Application

7. How can you make those 5 "Ps" more integrated into your daily life?
8. Is your Christian life unashamedly supernatural?
9. Why is the Gospel so offensive to so many people including some who profess Christianity?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying.

There are many creative ways of praying together:

