

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of January 7, 2024**  
**2 Peter 1, Introduction**



Welcome Back to Home Group gatherings. While relationships never stop, sometimes it is difficult to meet as a group during the holidays. Our first time back together is an opportunity to share about life.

**HOW WERE THE HOLIDAYS FOR YOU?**

- What was encouraging or positive?
- What was hard or challenging?

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

What do you think of the title of the new series? (“You CAN have it all”)

What do you think someone 25 years old and not yet in Christ would think of it?

**DISCUSS AND SHARE**

Begin by reading 2 Peter 1:1-11 out loud together.

Verse 1

DISCUSS: Peter wrote about his faith. How was “righteousness” involved?

SHARE: Would one or more of you be willing to share how you came to faith in Jesus?

Verse 2

DISCUSS: How does knowledge of God/Jesus bring us “grace and peace?”

Verse 3

This verse inspired the series title.

DISCUSS: What are your thoughts about the following:

- This is the first of two times that Peter used the word “divine” in his letter. As you read the rest of this passage, why do you think he refers to God’s “divine power?”
- The word, “godly” or “godliness” means ‘living before God in reverent duty,’ or ‘reverent devotion.’ Peter assures us that God gives this to us “through the knowledge of Him.”

SHARE: How have you come to “knowledge of Him” in your life experience? What and who has helped you to know the truth about Jesus? What place does this hold in your walk with Jesus?

Verse 4

Reread verses 3-4.

DISCUSS: What is the desired result of God's power, knowledge, and promises in our lives? (v. 4) What must we overcome in order for this result to happen?

WHAT IF ...

What if you are in a coffee house, studying this passage, and a neighbor walks in. They see you at a table and ask, 'What are you reading about?'

You answer, 'It is about the change that happens when you learn of Jesus and believe His promises.'

The neighbor asks, 'What happens?'

You say, 'When as you know and trust in Jesus, "you may participate in the divine nature." (v. 4)

DISCUSS: How does that sound to them?

How does it sound to you?

SUMMARY from verses 1-4: What do we learn about God's character and work in our lives?

### **APPLICATION**

We are endeavoring to learn what it means to grow in knowledge of God and "make every effort" ("apply with all diligence") in order to grow in becoming like Jesus Christ in nature. (v. 5) Are you ready to "make every effort" to grow in Christ?

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- For our Pastor search team as they pray, listen, and examine resumes.
- For our High School students and servant leaders
- For those in our church family who are suffering from loss, illness, etc.