Home Group Notes Week of March 10, 2024 2 Peter 1:3-15 – Make every effort



LOOKING BACK

It is difficult for us to look back. Once we have read or done something, we struggle to review or reflect. But that is our goal for this week. This passage of Scripture is one in which Peter wrote, "I will make every effort to" for you to remember these things. (1:15) So, let's make the effort to reflect, remember, and soak in this promise and call.

WHAT GOD MADE SURE THAT WE KNOW

At the end of this chapter, we read that the origin of Scripture is God working through people to speak His words. In our passage, Peter said that we should "make every effort" to follow his instructions – to believe and trust in God's "precious promises" and to add to our faith these seven qualities and practices.

What has God promised?

What is God's part of the promise?

What is our part of seeing these promises come to fruition?

What are the results of trusting in these promises and making effort to add these to our faith?

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Don't let another week go by without memorizing God's promises and trusting in the Holy Spirit to give you power to apply God's Word. (1) What is one promise from this passage that you need to believe and treasure? (2) Which of the seven qualities will you pray and ask God to add in your daily life?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Supposing you are with a friend at coffee, and they asked, 'Why would anyone want to follow Jesus?' How would you answer if all you had was 2 Peter 1:3-11? What could you share?

Peter completed this section in vs. 12-15 with passion and determination. Why do you think this is so? Can you think of another place where Peter is so passionate to make sure we get it?

As a disciples of Jesus, we need to encourage one another to become like Him. How can we, brothers and sisters in Christ, "make every effort" to add these to our lives? What helps us? What doesn't?

PRAYER

- Please pray for your Global Partners, asking God to encourage and equip them
- Please pray for Pastor Doug Baker as he shepherds our church family
- Please pray for "Inherit the Earth" as they teach and shepherd people in our community