



GRATITUDE
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One Year New Testament Devotionals

Small group discussion questions related to the weekend message will resume in January 2018 during our next 10-week group cycle. Small group registration opens December 30. Use these One Year New Testament questions to discuss with your small group or answer individually.

Devotional

When a person comes to faith in Christ, it is only the beginning. Coming to Christ is the start of the spiritual life and spiritual growth. According to Peter, growing in Christ in a certain way (2 Peter 1) will help us gain the characteristics that make us more like Jesus. Peter's understanding of true spiritual growth was very simple: become more like Jesus. This is real spiritual growth! Peter says that God has spared nothing as it relates to us progressively becoming more like Christ...and that means we have no excuse for any absence of spiritual growth in our lives.

November 26: 1 Peter 4:12-5:14

When was the last time you were greatly surprised by something that happened to you? What did Peter urge his readers to do if they suffered as believers? In what difficult circumstance do you need to praise God this week?

November 27: 2 Peter 1:1-21

What would happen if you pursued the qualities Peter describes in these verses? What does it mean to be ineffective and unproductive in our knowledge of Jesus? What steps will you take this week to make your faith more effective and productive?

November 28: 2 Peter 2:1-22

In what ways do people today abuse their freedom? When and how does slavery sometimes appear to be the promise of freedom? What steps will you take today to ensure that you don't allow your exercise of freedom to result in your enslavement to sin?

November 29: 2 Peter 3:1-18

How have you personally benefited from God's patience? How can you grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ? What specific steps will you take this week to grow in Christ?

November 30/December 1-2: 1 John 1:1-3:6

What do you know to be true about Christ? How can you remain in or have fellowship with Jesus Christ? What will you do this week to deepen your relationship with Jesus?