

2 Peter 1:1-11

Week 1 - A Recipe For Godly Living

? What qualities do you appreciate most in your closest friends? Why?

2 Peter 1:1-11 (NIV)

¹Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

²Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

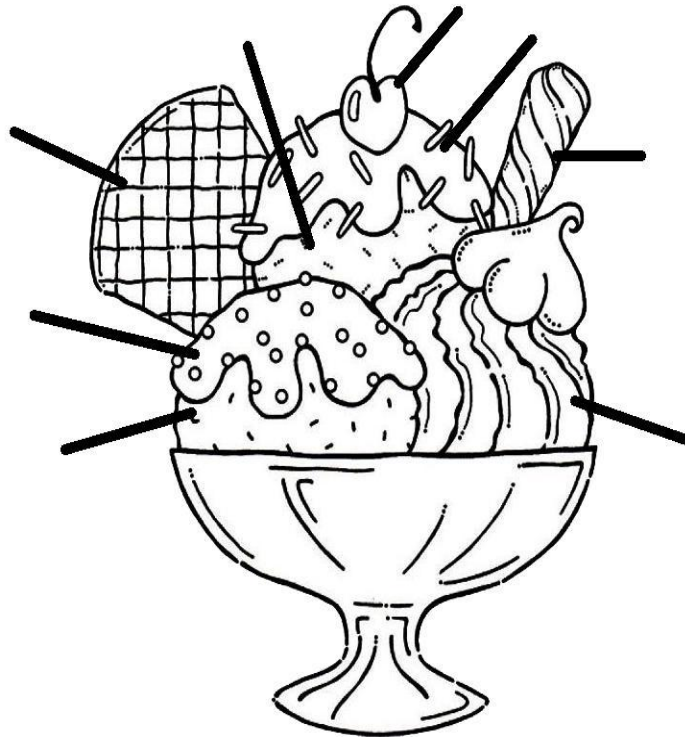
¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

? What do vv. 3-4 say about who God is and what He provides for us?

? Why is it significant that God has given us "everything we need"?

? What trajectory should our walk with God follow, according to vv. 5-7? How does faith lay the foundation for other aspects of our walk with God?

? An ice cream sundae is made up of different delicious parts that create a complementary whole. One part is good all by itself, but when combined, the parts become even better! Like an ice cream sundae, the different qualities listed in the passage work together to make us more rounded Christians. Label the sundae below with the different qualities listed in the passage, and talk with your group about how the parts complement one another.



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? Why are these attributes important in a Christian's life? (vs. 8)

"This list [2 Peter 1:5-7] does not reflect a legalistic code but rather the desires and features of a transformed heart."
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? Love is the result of growing in all of the previous qualities in this list. Why is love so significant in the journey of spiritual growth?

? How does the way you love others reflect God's love?

? How does your transformed heart affect your desires and actions?

? What is drawing you away from God's truth, or causing you to forget that He cleansed you from your past sins? (vs. 9)

? What practices or activities tend to draw you to God's truth? How can you prioritize your relationship with God, growing in what He calls us to in this passage?

For Discussion and Accountability

? How can you develop the qualities/priorities listed in this passage (vv. 5-7) this week? How will that help you in your walk with God?

? Though God has given us everything we need to be fruitful in Him, sometimes we feel lacking in certain areas. What do you need from God this week, or what truth do you need to lean into? What steps can you take to take hold of these things this week?