

Living Hope
Week 16 – God’s Power for a Godly Life

Transition: In last week’s text, Peter exhorted believers to humble themselves before God and stay alert against the devil’s schemes. God assured them that he would strengthen, restore, confirm, and establish them during their suffering.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week’s discussion?

Context: In this week’s text, Peter emphasizes that God has given believers everything needed for a godly life through knowledge of him. He urges the recipients of his letter to supplement their faith with a variety of virtues to confirm their calling. Peter reminds them of these truths because he knows his death is close and wants these Christians to remember his teachings after he is gone.

Opening Questions:

- What is one promise of God that has been especially meaningful in your life?
- When have you felt the most aware of God giving you strength to live a godly life?

Scripture/Storying: 2 Peter 1:1-15

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- Peter says God’s “power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.” How does this shape the way you navigate challenges in your discipleship journey?
- In verses 5-7 Peter shares multiple qualities that we should supplement our faith with. Which of these do you find most challenging to grow in and why? What does your life look like when you are putting these qualities into practice? How can your small group hold you accountable in the areas you need growth in?
- Peter says that the qualities in verses 5-7 keep believers from being ineffective or unfruitful. What are you doing when you feel most spiritually productive? Why is it important that we measure spiritual productivity by Scripture?
- Why do you think lacking these qualities is an indicator of blindness? How could regularly reminding yourself that Christ has cleansed you from sin encourage you to consistently practice the qualities listed in verses 5-7? How will you regularly remind yourself of what Christ has done for you?
- In verse 10, Peter calls believers to, “be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election.” What does this look like practically in your life?
- In verses 12-13, Peter makes it his aim to consistently remind his readers of the qualities listed in verses 5-7. Why is repetition important in growth and discipleship? How have you personally benefited from repetition in spiritual matters? How will you be a voice of reminder in the lives of other disciples? As you picture yourself doing this, what are the main things you are reminding others of?

Prayer time: - Favor Africa

- Pray for protection for all staff and missionaries in Africa.
- Pray for the fruitful spread of the Gospel in crusades, street evangelism, and portable Bible schools.
- Pray for Carole, Terry, and leaders to discern God's strategic plan for the nations they are serving in.