

NOTES

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ON YOUR CHARACTER

2 PETER 1:3-11

Introduction

1. The _____ Resources

- An _____ with Jesus
- A familiarity with _____

2. The Important _____

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3. The Necessary _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. If you could change one aspect of your physical appearance, what would you choose? If you could change one aspect of your character (not personality), what would it be?
2. Drawing from what you know about Peter, why might he be especially qualified to write a New Testament epistle that emphasizes character transformation? Why did the recipients of Peter's letter need teaching on this topic? (Hint: Read the NIV Study Bible intro to II Peter.)
3. How is character transformation like sailing? Read II Peter 1:3, 4. What are the two ways to access divine power for character transformation?
4. To what extent are you tapping into these power providers?
5. Read II Peter 1:5-7. Describe what is meant by each of the eight virtues in these verses. If you had to identify two of these virtues as "most needed" in your life, which would they be and why?
6. Read II Peter 1:8, 9. Why is character transformation such a big deal? (Two reasons to discuss in depth.)
7. What's wrong with the saying, "Let go and let God"? What analogies does the apostle Paul use in his NT epistles that demonstrate the effort required to live the Christian life? What does the WWJD bracelet fail to take into account?
8. What would be a helpful next step for you to take (with some effort) in order to leave a mark on your character?