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Week 1 – 2 Peter 1:1-21 (pg. 1027)

2 Peter 1:3-11

2 Peter 1:3a (NLT) By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.

_____ in God's divine nature + _____
the world's corruption = live a life of _____

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NLT) In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

How do we respond to God's promises? We

_____.

Some journey (vs. 8), and some _____ (vs. 9).

2 Peter 1:10-11 (NLT) So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:12-21

2 Peter 1:12 (NLT) Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught.

The Importance of Scripture

1. Scripture is divinely _____ (vs. 20-21)
2. Scripture is _____ of light until Christ returns (vs. 19b)
3. Scripture is _____ by experience (vs. 16-19a)

Final Thought: As a follower of Jesus we have the choice to journey forward or get stuck. Scripture keeps us on the _____, are you using your road map?

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Week 1 Discussion Questions

In 2 Peter 1:4 it says that the world's corruption is caused by human desires? What is your reaction to this perspective? Is it the only thing that causes the world's corruption? Explain. What is the answer to all the world's self-inflicted misery? (yes, the answer is the obvious one that Peter gives in verse 3) Does this truth motivate you to live for Christ 100%? Why or why not?

Read 2 Peter 1:12-15. If you knew your time on earth was short, what would you spend your last days doing? Explain. If what you just described is different than your daily journey, why?

Review the three points given for the importance of scripture. Which one is most important to you? Which one do you think our culture ignores the most? Explain. What role does scripture currently play in your life? How has your view of scripture changed during your journey?

Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17 and Hebrews 4:12-13. To a non-believer it seems odd to put so much emphasis on the Bible. A common criticism is “you can’t use verses from the Bible to establish the Bible as authoritative.” What would be your response to this perspective?