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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Confirm Your Calling: Partakers of the Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:3-15)

TEACHING SUMMARY

Peter teaches that God has already supplied what believers need for life and godliness. Growth comes through knowing God and using his provision. Scripture teaches his character and will, while the believing community offers encouragement and practical support.

God's promises also secure the believer's future hope. The teaching connects participation in the divine nature with receiving incorruptible bodies at the resurrection. In the world to come, sin and the death it produces will no longer corrupt life.

God's provision calls for active participation. Peter urges believers to add virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love to their faith. These qualities describe a life increasingly shaped by God's character and purposes.

Growing in these qualities prevents ineffective and unfruitful knowledge. Neglecting them resembles blindness and forgetfulness of cleansing from former sins. Faithful conduct confirms that a person's calling and election are genuine; it does not earn entrance into the kingdom.

Peter reminds readers of truths they already know because he expects his death soon. Describing his body as a tent emphasizes the temporary nature of his present life. He wants his instruction to remain useful after his departure.

The closing application asks believers to number their days and use their remaining time wisely. Remembering that life is short should clarify priorities. Like Peter, they can glorify God, love their neighbors, and help others grow in faith.

SUMMARY POINTS

- God supplies what believers need for life and godliness.
- Knowledge of God equips believers to bring him glory.
- Scripture and the community support spiritual growth.
- God's promises include Yeshua's return and everlasting life.
- The teaching connects the divine nature with incorruptible resurrection bodies.
- Spiritual growth requires diligent participation.
- Peter's list of qualities culminates in love.
- Good character confirms calling and election without earning salvation.
- Peter writes reminders because he knows his life is nearing its end.
- Numbering our days helps us use our time to serve God and others.

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Basic

1. God has given believers what they need for life and _____.
2. Spiritual growth comes through the _____ of God.
3. Peter says to supplement faith first with _____.
4. The final quality in Peter's list is _____.
5. Believers are to confirm their calling and _____.
6. Peter describes his temporary body as a _____.

Challenging

1. The teaching connects partaking of the divine nature with receiving _____ bodies.
2. The Greek term arete describes moral _____.
3. The ability to resist the desire to sin is called _____.
4. Trials help believers develop _____ so they can endure suffering.
5. Philadelphia refers to brotherly _____.
6. Psalm 90 calls believers to number their _____ to gain wisdom.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What resources does the teaching identify as God's provision for spiritual growth?
2. How does the promise of resurrection relate to escaping corruption?
3. How do knowledge and righteous conduct support one another in Peter's teaching?
4. Why does the teaching distinguish confirming calling and election from earning kingdom entrance?
5. Why are reminders valuable even for people already established in the truth?
6. How could numbering your days change the way you encourage others and use your time?

ANSWER KEY – GROUP GUIDE

Basic

1. godliness
2. knowledge
3. virtue
4. love
5. election
6. tent

Challenging

1. incorruptible
2. excellence
3. self-control
4. steadfastness
5. affection
6. days