

2 Peter

Since 2 Peter is such a short letter, Pastor will begin by reading it in its fullness. As we listen to it think about it as if you were one of its first recipients. What stands out to you in what this letter says? What is its main purpose? What, if anything, leads to questions in your mind?

1:1-2) How does Peter identify himself here?

To whom is this letter addressed? (see 2 Peter 3:1)

In whom do we place our faith? (See also Ephesians 5:5 & Titus 2:13)

How do grace and peace interact? (See Romans 5:1-2 and Colossians 3:12-15) What is their ultimate source? (see also 1:3)

1:3-11) How do we grow in that knowledge?

What does “knowledge of Him” have to do with growing constantly in the virtues Peter describes? (See 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Ephesians 1:3-12).

How might our personal lives and the life of our congregation better reflect the way the emphasis on godly living in the New Testament?

What must be the source of that godly living and why?

How does this connect to the description of God’s promises as “...great and precious”?

How is it true that we are “partakers of the divine nature”? (See Ephesians 4:23-24 & Colossians 3:10),

What is the other option and to what does it lead? (See James 1:12-15)

Who defines for us what is right and how to treat people? What is valuable to us then, and how is that different from others? (See also Galatians 5:22 & James 1:3)

What is needed for us to be “Fruitful Trees”?

1:10 is probably the most troubling passage in this discussion. Certainly we can’t argue against the Christian lifestyle that Peter is urging, but is this way of life (these “good works”) really how we make our “election sure”? (See 1 John 2:3-6)