



Community Group Guide

Sustaining New Life in Christ \ 2 Peter 1:3-11

BIG IDEA

Sustaining new life in Christ takes work. If we want to grow in our intimacy with Jesus, it will take intentionality and discipline to want to grow. A healthy apple tree doesn't strain to produce fruit. Fruit is a by-product from the daily nourishment it receives. So is the same with our spiritual life.

1) No one grows closer to Jesus by accident.

2) We have everything we need to live a life for Jesus.

3) 7 supplemental qualities necessary for spiritual growth

Goodness, Knowledge, Self-Control, Perseverance, Godliness, Mutual Affection, and Love

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

Read 2 Peter 1:3-11

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What is one thing the Holy Spirit has been speaking to you through the message and the verses we read?
- What are easy excuses that we come up with for not growing in Christ?
- Have you ever felt like you didn't have everything you needed to follow Jesus? Why is that? Can you identify why you felt that way?
- Cultural Christianity is common in our world today. Have you every gotten caught up in cultural Christianity? What are some ways to guard against that?
- In what areas of your life do you need to align your belief with your behaviors?
- How can we as a group encourage one another to settle for nothing less that whole-hearted devotion to Jesus? Name some practical steps.

PRAYER FOCUS

Don't gloss over the prayer time. Spend time in intentional prayer with your group.

Modeling this could help someone take their next step of praying.nbv

Pray for the empowerment to begin **TODAY** to spend time with Jesus. Who in your life needs to know Jesus? Pray for them.