

Power of the Gospel (2 Peter 1:1-4)

Strong and Faithful Series

Discussion Questions

- 1) What comes to your mind when you think of God's "rules." What boundaries has God set for our lives?
 - a. Which of God's "rules" troubles you the most? (i.e., forgiving, generosity; sexual purity; turning the other cheek)
- 2) How do people change the rules? What justifications have you heard for rejecting or altering God's boundaries for our lives?
- 3) What were the pressures and temptations being faced by the people Peter was writing to in 1st and 2nd Peter?
- 4) Read 2 Peter 1:1. How is Peter reassuring the believers in this verse? Why does Peter have authority? How does his own experience add strength to his authority?
- 5) Read 1 Peter 1:2-4. What is the *knowledge* "of God and of Jesus our Lord." How are we to know Jesus?
- 6) Summarize verses 2-4. What has God given us in Christ? What is God still doing in us?
- 7) What other texts in the Bible describe how God is working in us? (Example: Philippians 1:6)
- 8) How can your group help each other focus on the gospel, on growing more and more intimate with Jesus? What are the key ingredients in relationships that help us do that for one another?