

“Expectations of Real Faith”

Strong & Faithful: 2 Peter

Discussion Questions

- **Ice Breaker:**
 - How many fake plants do you have in your house?
- **Read Matthew 7:21-23**
 - What is your initial reaction when you read this passage?
 - What is Jesus saying about who will and will not be welcomed into the kingdom heaven?
- **Read 2 Peter 1:3-4**
 - Briefly summarize what Peter is saying in his passage.
 - Explain what we mean by the “gospel”? (Look at Ephesians 2:8-9 if needed)
- **Read 2 Peter 1:5-7**
 - What strikes you about the phrase “make every effort to supplement your faith”? How is this statement not opposed to salvation by grace alone through faith alone?
 - What do you notice about the order of these “qualities”? What comes first? What comes last? Why might that be significant?
- **Read 2 Peter 1:8-9**
 - According to this passage, what is the difference between someone who has real faith and someone whose faith is, at best, immature, and at worst, non-existent?
 - What encourages you about being kept from being “ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ”?
 - What does it mean for someone to have “forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins”?
- **Read 2 Peter 10-15**
 - How do we “confirm [our] calling and election”?
 - What does Peter mean by “you will never fall”? (i.e., Does he mean you will never sin?)
 - What encourages you about v. 11?
 - Why is reminding his readers of this message so important to Peter at this stage of his life?
- **Application & Reflection**
 - Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message most intersect?
 - Do you struggle with your assurance of salvation?
 - What does spiritual growth look like in your life right now?
 - How can this group help you grow?