

Connect Group Guide: “Effective Christianity”



Passage: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Sermon Link: [Effective Christianity](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Who is the most loving person you have ever met? Why?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [Pat Barrett - Build My Life \(Lyric Video\) \(ft. Cory Asbury\)](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What would you say are the hallmarks of an effective Christian?
- Why do you think it is wrong to follow Jesus while indulging in the pleasures of the world?

Read: 2 Peter 1:1-11

- How does it make you feel to know that you have been given everything you need to live a “godly life”?
- Discuss this statement: “It is only through knowing Jesus who has called us by His own glory that we are able to live a godly life.”
- Do you think *becoming* more like Jesus takes effort? Why/why not?
- Peter is not addressing a matter of salvation, but of maturity in Christ. What is the difference?
- What makes it hard for people to move from knowledge to self-control, and from self-control to perseverance?
- What role does community play in our journey to maturity in Christ?
- Why do you think it is important to grow in your love for others?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- In which area of your life is God calling you to grow in maturity and become more like Him?
- In what way is God calling you to partner with the people around you in this Christian journey?
- Do you find it difficult to persevere? Why/Why not?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray together as a group that we might all grow in maturity in Christ, to become more like him, in order to glorify His name by loving those around us.

