

**Self-Control  
Change Agent  
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**Notes:**

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

**Icebreaker: Share about a time you were glad that you used self-control.**

Have everyone spend time reading **2 Peter 1:3-11** quietly to themselves. After a few minutes, either have one person read the passage for the group or have each person take turns reading a portion until the entire passage has been read.

## **Sermon Observation Questions**

1. Was there anything from this past week's sermon that stood out to you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that confused you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that invoked an emotion? If so, what was it?
2. Observations about this passage: Who was the audience or the characters? What does this passage tell us about sinful man? What do we learn about God or Jesus from reading this passage, and how does that impact the way we love people and love God?
3. What questions arise from reading this passage? Is there anything from this passage that sticks out to you personally? If so, what?

## **Life Application Questions**

1. According to the Apostle Peter, what role does self-control play in helping the believer participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption of the world? What could happen to a believer who does not live out their self-control? (Hint: see vs. 8)?
2. Why is "self-control" sandwiched between knowledge and perseverance (vs. 6)? How do these three correlate?
3. What areas of your life have been negatively impacted because of lack of self-control? What areas of life have been positively impacted because of self-control?
4. **Next Steps:** What disciplines do you need to establish for your life to strengthen the self-control that the Holy Spirit gives to us as believers?