

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 19th, 2013

This Week's Focus: As Peter approaches his own martyrdom, he is resolved in reminding us to continue pressing onward and grow in our faith so that we can be assured of our calling and election.

This Week's Text: 2 Peter 1:10-15

*Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever...Thus, it is just as impossible to separate faith and works as it is to separate heat and light from fire. **Martin Luther***

*The relationship of faith and good works is one that may be distinguished but never separated...if good works do not follow from our profession of faith, it is a clear indication that we do not possess justifying faith. The Reformed formula is, "We are justified by faith alone but not by a faith that is alone." **R. C. Sproul***

Related Texts: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, 2 Timothy 1:8-9, Matthew 22:14, 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- What is godliness? What is it not?
- According to Peter, what are the great promises we have been granted?
- Why did Peter tell the church to be sure of their call and election?
- Why would believers be asked to perform a self-examination? Reference 2 Corinthians 13:5-6 and Galatians 6:3-5.
- What is the relationship between Christian assurance and Christian fruitfulness/obedience?
 - How does the one affect the other?
 - How do we avoid salvation by works?
- Have you ever thought about what your entrance into the eternal kingdom will look like?

- What is the significance of remembering in the bible?
- What does Peter want us to remember? Why do we tend to forget the truth?
- Can you think of any specific examples from your own life when you are prone to displace or even forget biblical truth?
- Peter refers to death as a mere “putting off of the body”. What does that mean?
- What is Peter’s focus and desire as he faces his own death?
- What do you want your legacy in the faith to be?

Gospel Celebration:

- Jesus paid our sin debt on the cross! We are reconciled to God! Pursue the gospel, and allow it to shape your life.
- In John 6:44, Jesus said, “*No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.*” Rejoice in the call of the Father!

Our Response:

- Examine your self.
- Repent if you have not passed the test.
- Rejoice in the gospel.

Next Week’s Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21