

WARM-UP

- What is your favorite place to eat in? On a scale of one to ten, how satisfied are you after you eat there?
- If you could do or be anything in the world, what would it be? What do you need now to get there?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you ran out of something when you really needed it? What happened?

WORD

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 PETER 1:3,4

Peter states that God has *granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness*, through our knowledge of God. Through that knowledge, we are granted God's *precious and very great promises*, so that by faith we *may become partakers of the divine nature*. The only place we can learn about God and His promises is through His Word. Scripture is sufficient for us to come to a knowledge of God and live a life of godliness. The power of God through His Word is sufficient for all we need to know Him and partake in His divine nature.

1 Life and Godliness

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us . . .

2 PETER 1:3

As we know God more and more through His Word, His *divine power grants to us all things that pertain to life and godliness*. As we read, meditate on, and obey His Word, we learn more about God's nature and will. And through His power, we are granted the grace and faith to live a godly life even in a world that lives the opposite way. Share a time you were empowered through the Word to respond in a godly way to a particular situation. What happened?

2 Glory and Excellence

. . . through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence . . . **2 PETER 1:3**

Reading and studying the Word of God gives us the knowledge of God and Who He is. The nature of God is being glorious and excellent, and He calls us to this same *glory and excellence*. Because of Who God is, we as His followers are shown clearly, through His Word, that we may share in His own glory and excellence. How has the knowledge of this standard of living changed the way you live your life? What does it mean to be called to God's glory and excellence?

3 Precious and Great Promises

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Through our knowledge of God, which is the result of our meditation on and obedience of His Word, we learn about *His precious and very great promises* to us. When we trust in His Word and claim His promises in our lives, we can walk according to His Word and fully *become partakers of the divine nature*, leaving behind sinful desire even as we are here on earth. Is there a promise of God in the Bible you hold on to that encourages you to continue walking with Him? Tell us about it.

APPLICATION

- Have you experienced the power of God through His Word? Do you want to experience that today?
- How can you come to a greater knowledge of God through the Word? What are two things you can do to walk even deeper in a life of godly glory and excellence this week?
- Do you have family members and friends who have not yet experienced the power of God through His Word? How can you share His Word with them this week?

PRAYER

- Thank God that His Word is sufficient for us to come to all knowledge of Him and, through this, experience His power in our lives.
- Ask God to work His power in and through you as you seek a deeper knowledge of Him in His Word.
- Pray that your family and friends will come to a knowledge of Him through His Word.

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