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## 2 Peter 1:3-11 – Precious Promises... Given for Godliness

### Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. We become the people we are in relationship with others. Which of your relationships have most shaped you?
2. V5-7: what are we being called to here? How strongly?

Peter wants us to be convinced that we *can* grow in godliness and that we *must* grow in godliness...

3. V3-4: why *can* we grow in godliness, according to Peter? What have we been 'given' and how does this enable our growth?
4. Growing in godliness can seem like a chore. What difference does it make to see godliness as 'participating in the divine nature' (v4)?
5. V8-11: why *must* we grow in godliness, according to Peter? Why does it matter whether we are growing or not?

Growing in godliness is *growing by knowing* – becoming like Jesus by knowing Jesus in his promises...

6. How can we (help each other) know Jesus better? How can we let his promises become more real to us? Get practical!
7. What does this passage say to...
  - (i) The discouraged Christian, whose ongoing struggles with sin lead them to believe that they cannot grow in godliness, so why bother trying?
  - (ii) The relaxed Christian, who has grown in the past and is now content with the level of godliness they have got to.
  - (iii) The imperfect Christian, who is slowly making some progress with their godliness?
8. On Sunday, Michael finished the talk with 2 dangers we might fall into. Do you remember what they were? Which are you more prone to? What is the alternative to both?

**Respond to God's word in prayer**

**Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met**

**Take some time to pray for each other**