

Sermon Discussion Questions for July 28, 2019

How God changes people – 2 Peter 1:2-11

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. What enables us to make difficult changes in our life? What has been given to believers to make spiritual growth *possible*? (God's DNA). How comprehensive is God's divine power in us? How should this cause you to react to challenges in life? Spiritual growth
 3. In addition to Spiritual Growth being possible, the second fact is that Spiritual Growth is *gradual*. Do you like things to take place gradually or all at once? What does our culture prefer? When things don't go our way as Christians, how does this promise of gradual growth encourage us? Are you struggling with something that seems to never go away? A bad temper? Addiction? Anxiety? Relationship struggles? Be patient. Spiritual growth is gradual. Read 1 Peter 2:2 (Babies don't become adults overnight).
 4. Spiritual Growth is *essential*. Think about quote by Martin Luther ("We are saved by faith alone but the faith that saves is not alone."). Ephesians 2:8-9 completely accurate. How can our calling and election be confirmed (see verses 5-9).
 5. Last, Spiritual Growth is *practical*. Overarching ways to see progress are described in verses 5-9. What are 3 practical things Pastor Andrew mentioned to aid spiritual growth? (1. Spending time with God, 2. Build community with other believers, and 3. Perseverance – don't give up!).
 6. Meditate on Hebrews 3:12-13. What are key takeaways here? (Do not be deceived by sin. Encourage one another daily).
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

