

Life Group Homework

2 Peter 1:10-15 – Be Sure of Your Salvation

Getting Started:

1. Which excites you more: the hope of blessings in this life or the hope of reward in the next?

2. How might our hope for blessing in this life mask a slowness of heart to forsake this earthly life?

Digging In:

1. What sort of characteristics show that someone is eager and passionate about bearing fruit in his or her's spiritual walk?

2. When we are called into salvation by God, what sort of things are we called to be? [see *2 Peter 1:3*, *1 Corinthians 1:2*, *Ephesians 4:1*, and *2 Thessalonians 1:11* to inform your discussion]

3. What great encouragement can be found in the fact that God has called us and chosen us—before we chose Him?

4. 'Predestination' points to the ultimate goal of our faith. How does understanding this strengthen our confidence that we will be able to persevere to the end in our walk with Christ?

5. What does it mean to be ineffective and unfruitful in our faith? Describe such a person (don't use names unless it is your own).

6. Why is it so important for good pastors to remind their flock of things they already know? (Think of

the line from the wonderful hymn, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* where it says, “Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.”)

7. If we are wanting to bear fruit, how important is it for us to be ‘shepherded’ by God’s saints?

Living It Out:

1. Does your life demonstrate that you have lost your longing for the things of this world and have dived headlong into the kingdom of God?
2. Are there any characteristics of your life that you want to increase or decrease so that your life will honor God long after you are gone?