



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?