

# August 25 – 31

## 2 Peter | Knowledge and Faith

**Icebreaker:** Is there a truth or reality you learned as an adult that you fully didn't understand as a child? How has your increased knowledge of the world as an adult changed your outlook, actions, or behavior?

*In this session we will consider how increasing the right kind of knowledge is essential to spiritual growth.*

**Read the whole book of 2 Peter (either silently individually or out loud as a group)**

- What stands out to you in this book?
- What are some of the themes of the book?

**If your Bible has one, read the introduction to the book.**

- What do you learn about the author?
- What do you learn about the audience?
- What do you learn about the reasons for writing this book?

**Read 2 Peter 1:1–3**

- What is the “faith” that Peter talks about in verse 1? How does the knowledge of God, spoken about in verse 2, lead to faith?
- What is the significance of Peter saying that his audience has obtained a faith of equal standing with him?
- According to Peter, how is that kind of faith possible?
- How does the knowledge of God lead to an understanding of grace and experience of peace?
- How does the proper knowledge about Christ allow Christians to stand firm against false teaching?
- In verse 3, we see that the goals of our faith are life and godliness. Why are these what we should be striving for?
  - Why is his divine power necessary for us to attain these goals?
  - How is knowledge essential to attaining these goals?
  - What would happen in pursuing life and godliness if you did not have a proper knowledge of God?

**Application**

- What would it look like for grace and peace to be multiplied in our lives?
- Have you seen false teaching affect you or the people you love?
- What do you want to incorporate into your life to grow in your knowledge of God?