BEING CHRISTIAN IN A HOSTILE WORLD

Being Christian

2 Peter 1:1-4

1. The <u>Gift</u>: equal share in the blessings of Jesus

2. The <u>Power</u>: everything we need to become like Jesus

3. The <u>Participation</u>: eternal promises that motivate us to become like Jesus

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. What does "being Christian" mean? Explore Galatians 2:20, 1 John 4:17, and 2 Corinthians 5:17 for insight.
- 2. Think about the life of Peter, the author of the book we are studying. What are some key events in his life that may have shaped his view of Jesus and becoming like Him?
- 3. When Peter says God's power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, what is he referring to (2 Peter 1:3)? Do you feel confident that God has given you everything you need? Why or why not?
- 4. In 2 Peter 1:4, Peter says that we may participate in the divine nature (be like Jesus) and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. In what ways do you feel like the world is playing your desire against you becoming like Jesus? Pray for each other to be motivated to pursue Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption of the world caused by evil desires."

2 Peter 1:3-4