

## 2 Peter 1:1-11 ~ Discussion Questions

1. Who wrote 2 Peter?
2. To whom was 2 Peter written? As used here, what does “faith” mean? (1:1)
3. Why does Peter emphasize Christian knowledge in this letter? (1:2, 3, 8, 2:20, 3:18)
4. What did Peter say has been given to his readers? Has this been given to us too? (1:3)
5. How do you benefit from the promises God has given you? (1:4, John 14:16-17)
6. What did Peter urge his readers to add to their faith? Which of these character qualities do you find it most difficult to practice? Which ones do you consider the most important to add to your faith? Why? (1:5-7)
7. What will be the result of possessing these seven qualities? (1:8, Colossians 1:9-12)
8. What happens to the person who does not possess these Godly qualities? (1:9, 1 John 2:11)
9. What did Peter want his audience to be eager to do? Why? What happens when we pursue these qualities? (1:10-11, Matthew 7:20, James 2:18b)
10. Why is it easy to forget what God has done for you?

This section, verses 3-15, state the theme of the letter and the reason for listening to it. God has given the readers the knowledge of God necessary for them to escape from the immorality of a corrupt world and enter the eternal kingdom of God and Christ. Two paths are open to those with this knowledge: 1) live a righteous life and the divine calling will be confirmed or 2) do not live this way and you will become forgetful, your knowledge will be ineffectual, and when the time comes you will not enter the kingdom of God. To fully understanding this, it is necessary to maintain the distinctions between the past, present and future.

11. Which verses speak of the past? \_\_\_\_\_  
The present? \_\_\_\_\_ The future? \_\_\_\_\_  
Summarize this first section of 2 Peter in your own words.