

II PETER CHAPTER I

Introduction to Grace 2 Peter 1:1-2



- When you think about Simon Peter, what incidents in his life stand out to you? Who is he? Why did you pick these incidents?
- What are apostles? What qualifies someone to be an apostle? (Bonus question: Are there modern day Apostles?) Why was Peter's status as an apostle important? What kind of authority did being an apostle give him?
- Why did Peter also identify himself as a 'servant' or 'slave'? How would that change the way people viewed him?
- Look up these passages: Mat 20:25-28; Rom 6:17-18; 1 Pet 5:1-7. How do these passages help you fill out Peter's description of himself as a 'slave'?
- Look at a couple of different translations for 2 Peter 1:1. What are the different ways they describe the recipients? How do you 'obtain' the faith referred to in this verse? Is it something that we do or something that God does? How do you know?
- Our faith is given to us 'by the righteousness' of Christ. What does that mean? How does his righteousness grant us faith? How do other passages help you to understand this?
- Is it hard to think that our faith is equal to that of the apostles' faith? Why or why not? Does the amount of your faith matter? Why or why not?
- Knowledge is an important theme in this letter. Take a few minutes and identify the different places 'know' or 'knowledge' is used in the epistle. Where are they? What do you notice about them?
- Can a lack of knowledge produce fear or anxiety? Give some examples where the unknown caused you fear? So how might the 'knowledge of God and Jesus' bring you peace?