

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP NOTES

Name: _____

Date: _____

1) What song was your favorite during this week's worship service? Why?

2) What was the Scripture reading this week?

3) Is there a question or comment you have for the pastor?

Confirmation Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Living Hope

Sermon Title:

Text: 2 Peter 1

Write down the Next Step for this week:

Study Guide

What questions do you have about Peter's second letter?

Why does Peter say he wrote this letter? (vv. 1-2)

The first big thought comes in verses 3-4. Read this long sentence carefully. In your own words, what is the point Peter is making?

Verses 5-7 build upon that point. What is Peter saying your "every effort" ought to be focused on?

How would you "supplement faith with virtue"?

Why is knowledge included between virtue and self-control?

What is the connection between self-control and steadfastness?

Can you have godliness without faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, and steadfastness? Why or why not?

Describe what "brotherly affection" is like.

Love is added at the end of all these specifics. Why do you think that is? What other scriptures put love in a list as essential for followers of Jesus?

How does Peter describe what a disciple of Jesus' life is like if they grow in this way? (vv. 8-9)

What do you think Peter is getting at in verses 10-11?

Why is Peter encouraging followers of Jesus to "confirm your calling and election?" (hint; there are two reasons)

Do you think it is possible to "never fall"?

What reason(s) does Peter give for writing these things? (vv 12-15)

Why is it important to be reminded of things you already know?

Would you describe yourself as "established in the truth"? Why or why not?

How easily do you recall what you have learned in your faith?

Which of the specifics from vv. 5-7 come most naturally for you?

(faith, virtue, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, love)

Which of these are you least likely to gravitate toward?

Dallas Willard once said:

"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. Grace, you know, does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone."

How do you respond to that quote?

What is the relationship between grace and effort in your life?

How have you struggled with earning God's grace?

Next Step: Write down one way you will trust God for the grace you need to put love into action this week.

Next Week's Scripture: 2 Peter 2