



# LEADER'S NOTES

## Week 1: Everything You Need

**THANKS FOR LEADING THESE FOUR QUESTIONS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

### QUESTION 1

Question one serves as an introduction to this new sermon series. Please read the scripture aloud, then have each group member discuss what stands out to them.

### QUESTION 2

Question two deals with verses three and four. This question asks your group members to identify one of God's promises that encourages them and helps them to continue growing. Here are some key promises from God that encourage and help Christians grow:

#### 1. Promises of God's Presence and Strength

- Constant Presence: God promises never to leave or forsake His children, offering companionship and security even in difficult times (**Hebrews 13:5, Joshua 1:9**).
- Renewed Strength: Those who wait on the Lord will have their strength renewed, enabling them to persevere and "run and not grow weary" (**Isaiah 40:31**).
- Strength in Weakness: God's grace is sufficient, and His power is made perfect in human weakness, meaning God's strength is most visible when believers are helpless (**2 Corinthians 12:9**).

#### 2. Promises for Spiritual Growth and Maturity

- Completion of Work: God guarantees that He will finish the spiritual work He started in a believer's life (**Philippians 1:6**).
- Wisdom and Growth: God promises to give wisdom generously to those who ask Him, which is vital for making decisions and growing in faith (**James 1:5**).
- Fruitfulness through Abiding: Jesus promises that those who remain connected to Him (as branches to a vine) will bear much fruit, fostering spiritual growth (**John 15:5**).
- Sanctification and Transformation: God promises to change believers from the inside out, making them more like Jesus, often through the transformation of their minds (**Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18**).

#### 3. Promises of Forgiveness and Restoration

- Complete Forgiveness: If believers confess their sins, God is faithful and just to forgive them and cleanse them from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).
- Restoration Today: God promises to restore the years that have been lost or wasted, bringing a harvest of righteousness (**Joel 2:25-26**).
- Freedom from Sin: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians are promised freedom from the mastery of sin (**Romans 6:14, John 8:36**).

## QUESTION 2 - CONTINUED

### 4. Promises of Provision and Peace

- Supply of Needs: God promises to provide for the daily needs (food, clothing, etc.) of those who seek His kingdom first (**Matthew 6:33, Philippians 4:19**).
- Perfect Peace: God promises to keep those in perfect peace whose minds are focused and steadfast on Him (**Isaiah 26:3**).
- Rest for the Weary: Jesus offers rest for the souls of those who are burdened and tired (**Matthew 11:28–30**).

### 5. Promises for Endurance and Hope

- A Way Out of Temptation: God promises that no temptation is too great, and He will always provide a "way of escape" to endure it (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).
- Good from Trials: God works in all things—even difficult trials—to produce good for those who love Him (**Romans 8:28**).
- Security in Love: Nothing can separate a believer from the love of God in Christ Jesus (**Romans 8:38–39**).

## QUESTION 3

Question three focuses on **2 Peter 1:5–8**. It is very straightforward, and I believe it will be an engaging question to lead. This question offers a chance for some storytelling. Take some time to think through your answer to that part of the question. You might also want to mention to your group that over the next seven weeks, you will be focusing on this passage as a whole, but each week, you'll highlight one specific virtue from this list.

## QUESTION 4

Question four focuses on **2 Peter 1:9–11**. In one portion of this question, I ask why Christians stop growing. Here are some potential reasons that may help guide the discussion:

### Key Reasons for Spiritual Stagnation

- Neglect of Spiritual Disciplines: Stagnation frequently begins with irregular prayer or a "tragically deficient" diet of Scripture. Without these, believers remain spiritually malnourished and weak when facing trials.
- Tolerated or Unconfessed Sin: Choosing to hold onto specific sins or refusing to surrender certain areas of life to God's authority creates a "blockage" to intimacy with Him.
- Worldly Distractions and Busyness: A schedule that is "full but spirit-starved" keeps roots shallow. When the "noise of the world" becomes louder than God's voice, there is little room for spiritual maturation.
- Isolation from Community: Christian growth is designed to happen in fellowship. Neglecting godly community removes the accountability and "sharpening" needed for long-term maturity.
- Spiritual Complacency: Some stop growing because they feel they have "grown enough" or are content with past spiritual experiences rather than seeking fresh ones.
- Knowledge Without Obedience: Growth is stalled when believers are "hearers but not doers" of the Word. Real maturity comes from living out truth, not just accumulating information.
- Fear of Change: Genuine growth requires leaving comfort zones and letting go of old patterns, which can be uncomfortable or frightening.

### Internal Mindsets That Hinder Growth

- Relying on Emotions: Waiting to "feel" God before seeking Him rather than pursuing Him based on truth.
- Pride and Lack of Teachability: Resisting correction or refusing to seek wisdom from more mature mentors.
- Consumer Mindset: Approaching God only for what He can provide (peace, comfort, prosperity) rather than seeking to become more like Him.