



Key References:

Psalm 23:1–6 (ESV)

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Ephesians 1:3–4 (ESV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

2 Peter 1:3–8 (ESV)

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,

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⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 – Revival begins in our hearts

Mike reminded us of what Keir said two weeks ago that “*revival starts in our hearts.*” **What did Keir mean by that?**

How does a deep and fulfilling relationship with God make us better at reaching the lost? What two words would you use to describe your relationship with God currently?

2 – Set free from our past

Mike said “*the biggest thing that hinders us from moving forward is our past.*” **What does that mean? Why are we our own worst enemies?**

What are some ways we can combat the thoughts of regret the enemy uses against us? How can Jesus help us overcome in these areas? Why is our story so important?

How can God use difficult things in your past, that have been healed, to help others?

3 – God walking with us

Read Psalm 23. **What is currently making you anxious or fearful? How is it possible to have transcendent peace even in tough circumstances?**

How can we apply the imagery in found in Psalm 23 to these situations?

4 – Spiritual blessing

Read Ephesians 1:3-4. Often we pray for physical blessings. **But, what are the spiritual blessings mentioned in verse 3?**

5 – Supplement your faith

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. **How has Jesus’ divine power granted us all things? What does it mean to be “partakers in the divine nature”?**

Read 2 Peter 1:5-8. These verses list 7 qualities that we should supplement our faith with. **Discuss the reasons behind each one of them.**

How do each of these 7 qualities stop us from becoming ineffective and unfruitful?

We all want to improve our relationship with God. **What fruit and areas-of-effectiveness are you hoping for in this next season?**