

11 EVERYTHING WE NEED

KEY TEXT: 2 PETER 1:3-11,16-21

CENTRAL truth

As we begin studying 2 Peter this week, we'll be reminded of Jesus's identity, what He has done for us, and how we are to live as we wait for His glorious return. Peter teaches us that, in Christ, we don't lack anything we need to honor the Lord. **God has given us everything needed to grow spiritually.**

key question

Why should verse 3 encourage us?

The same Lord who called and saved us gives His people not only eternal life but everything we need to live in a way that pleases Him. Let these two words we find in verse 3 sink in: "everything required." This doesn't mean that we won't sin in our time on earth before Jesus returns. But it does mean that because of everything Jesus has accomplished for us through His sinless life, death, and resurrection, He has empowered us to live in a way that pleases God. We are not powerless against the temptation and corruption we experience in this world.

keep in mind

- In our day and age, there are plenty of sources that claim that Jesus, what He has done, and His return are nothing more than fictions. Students are not unaware of these lies that swirl around us. Peter reminds believers that his teaching is not based on imaginary, made-up stories; rather, it is based on history. He and the apostles were eyewitnesses of Jesus. This is a truth we all need to be reminded of.
- Peter's teaching also highlights the significance of Scripture. Many students may be intimidated by the idea of reading God's Word and might not know where to begin. In our **Leader Challenge** section, we mention a free **Daily Bible Reading Plan** that may be helpful to you and the students in your group. Check it out here: <https://explorethebible.lifeway.com/studentextras/>.

application

When can you make time to read Scripture each day this week?

the win

FOR THE STUDENT: This week, the win for students is for them to understand that the Lord has not only given us eternal life but has given us everything we need to live in a way that honors and pleases Him.

FOR THE LEADER: Leaders can further equip students to read and understand God's Word by referring to the **7 Arrows For Bible Reading** at the end of this week's session. This helpful tool will help students learn how to read and study Scripture.

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