

LifeGroup

Discussion Guide



CONFIDENCE IN GOD

BIG IDEA: God's power shapes character and confidence as believers grow in their faith.

DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:3-11

OPENING QUESTION

How important is confidence in the following scenarios?

A job interview
A first date

A basketball game
A public presentation

Which one of these would be the hardest for you to have confidence in? From what sources do people draw their confidence?

THE SETTING

Second Peter emphasizes faith and godly living and warns against tolerating false teachers who are leading people away from the truth. The letter ends with the certainty of Christ's return and the impact it has on believers in creating a desire for holy living. Writing toward the end of his life, Peter reminded his readers of the return of Christ and urged them to combat false teaching that may have grown even stronger after his death. He wrote pastorally to his recipients out of concern for the church.

STUDY THE BIBLE

2 Peter 1:3-11 (CSB)

³ His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶ knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷ godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things you will never stumble. ¹¹ For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STAND ON GOD'S COMPLETE PROVISION

Peter reminded his readers that God provided everything they needed to live godly lives.

> READ 2 Peter 1:3-4

- ° What tools or resources do you see available to Christians, according to these verses?
- ° How does knowing Jesus already provides all we need give us confidence?
- ° What promises of God are most precious to you? How do they help you?

CULTIVATE YOUR CHARACTER

Peter encouraged his readers to build godly character, knowing that doing so makes them useful in God's kingdom.

> READ 2 Peter 1:5-9

- ° If God has already given us everything (as it said in the previous verses), how do we make an effort to add these things to our faith? What is our part and what is God's part? How do they work together?
- ° Out of this list, which attribute do you need the most help with? Goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, or love?
- ° How does God develop these qualities in us?

LIVE WITH CONFIDENCE

Peter commanded his readers to confirm their salvation through godly living, knowing that they would not be left behind and would be welcomed into heaven.

> READ 2 Peter 1:10-11

- ° What is the benefit of building up our character as Christians when we know that, despite our flaws, our salvation is secure?

RESPONSE

Believers can be thankful that God provides complete salvation through faith in Christ. And therefore, believers can live with confidence in the promise of salvation. If you do not feel sure of your salvation, talk to your LifeGroup leader today.

Personal Challenge: What will you do this week to develop and display one of the character qualities we discussed today? What is God's part in this development and what will your part be?