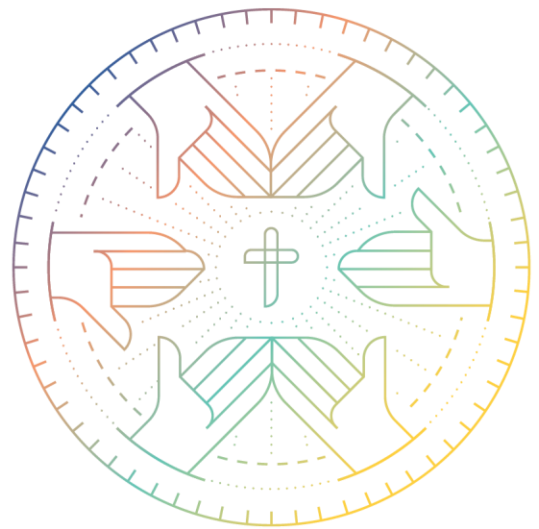


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## MEETING AGENDA

### WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

This week we are starting our series titled *Building Blocks*. We are going to learn from Peter how when we assemble the building blocks of Godly character, we can be effective and fruitful in all areas of our lives.

As we talk about faith as a building block of our walk with Christ, we have included an article that breaks down what exactly that looks like based on scripture. <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-faith.html>  
In addition, we have included a book that Jared Petty mentioned about overcoming addiction. *The Recovering: Intoxication and its aftermath* by Leslie Jamison.

Don't forget to take attendance via the attendance reminder email.

### ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?

### INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: 2 Peter 1:1-4

At the time of this letter, Peter is at the end of his life and is writing a last will and testament to help warn believers about losing the truth of who they are in Christ. We are reminded that faith is the foundation on which to build our life on.

### INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

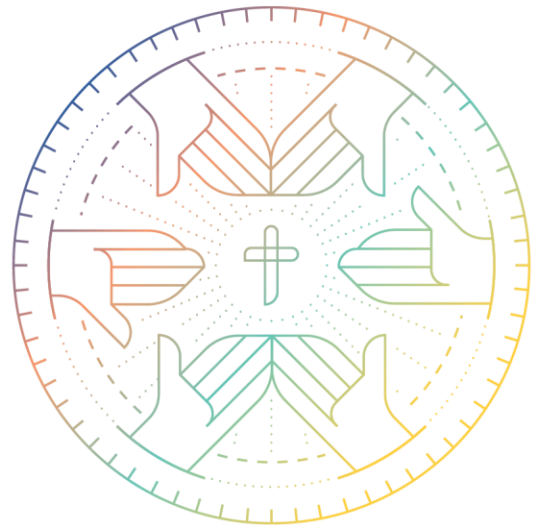
1. **Read 2 Peter 1:1, Romans 1:17, and Hebrews 11:1-3. When you think about the word faith what comes to mind and how does that look practically in your life?**

#### **H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE**

*[Answers will vary. At times, faith can feel like a nebulous thing that is hard to understand what it looks like practically in our lives. The dictionary defines faith as "belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, especially without logical proof." It also defines faith as "belief in and devotion to God." (Got Questions) We see in 2 Peter, that our faith is equal to everyone else and is by the righteousness of God and Jesus. When we put our hope in Jesus, we each receive the same faith. In Romans 1, we see that those who are righteous and actively put their hope in Jesus will live by faith. We finally see in Hebrews 11, that faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.]*

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2. Read 2 Peter 1:2-3, Ephesians 1:17, Colossians 1:9-10. Faith comes out of a proper understanding of who God is. What is something that you once believed about God but after understanding Scripture better you realized wasn't true?

### **H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE**

*[Answers will vary. Remember the right beliefs lead to the right behavior. An example could be that for the longest time you thought that you had to earn God's love. However, when you understand that you couldn't earn God's love but rather accept His grace it changed everything.]*

3. Read 2 Peter 1:3, Romans 1:16, and 1 Corinthians 1:18. We receive power not from our will but by yielding to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Where in your life do you need to surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit?

### **H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE**

*[Answers will vary. Help your group identify an area of their life where they are trying to figure out or navigate in their own strength and understanding. Examples could include letting go of trying to fix a relationship or trusting God with your finances when money is tight.]*

## **APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)**

1. Peter lays out four main components of a foundational faith:
  - a. Faith is found in a person. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
  - b. Faith involves a divine power. (2 Timothy 1:7)
  - c. Faith is trusting in God's promises. (2 Corinthians 1:20)
  - d. Faith is partaking in the divine nature. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

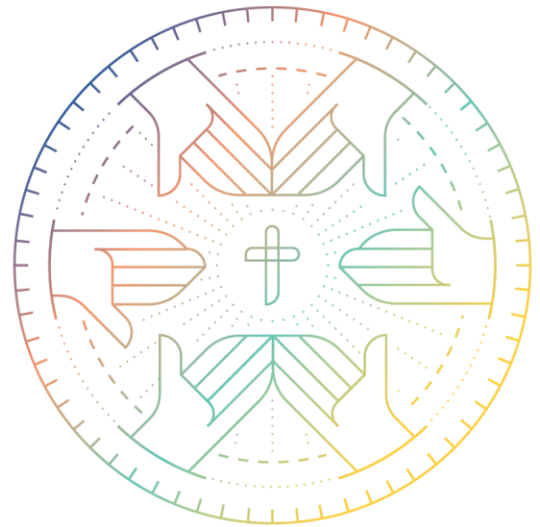
**Of the four components listed, which truth do you need to focus on this week?**

### **H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE**

*[Answers will vary. All four components are essential but often it is important for us to begin focusing on a particular area to start. We cannot build a foundation on anything else other than Jesus. Secondly, we can and are meant to experience power through the Spirit we have been given. Thirdly, understanding God's promises brings peace, comfort, strength, and wisdom. Lastly, the more we are like Jesus, the less we're like the world around us.]*

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2. **Read Isaiah 41:10, Lamentations 3:22-23, Philippians 4:7-8, and James 1:5. We have been given many promises by God. What promises do you see listed in these verses and what truths from them can you take with you this week?**

### **H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE**

*[Answers will vary. Isaiah 41 reminds us of the promise that when we face fear in our lives God will strengthen us, help us, and will uphold us. Lamentations 3 promises us that the faithful love of the Lord never ends. We have access to fresh mercy every day and God is faithful. Philippians 4 tells us that we can pray to God when we face anxiety or uncertainty and we are promised that the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. James 1 promises us that if we need wisdom, we can ask God who gives generously.]*

### **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

*Dear heavenly Father, thank you for giving us faith that we can build our foundation with You. May grace and peace be multiplied to us in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. May we grow in the understanding of Your great promises, so that we may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world. Thank you for all of the blessings You bestow on us and the power that we can live in through You. We pray all these things in Your wonderful name. Amen.*