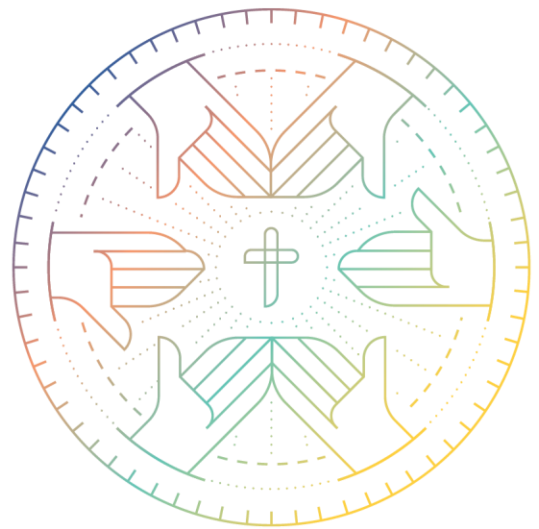


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What was a big purchase you have made in your life, and what sacrifices did you make to afford it?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: 2 Peter 1:3-11

Peter tells us that we have become partakers of the divine nature of Christ, allowing us to escape the corruption of this world. We are encouraged to supplement our faith with virtue. This week we are focusing on self-control, steadfastness, and godliness.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

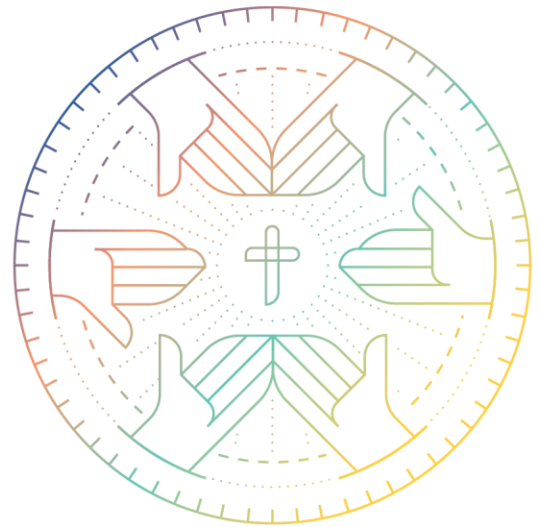
1. Read 2 Peter 1:3-5, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Galatians 3:13-14, and 1 Peter 2:24. What sticks out to you about the cost that was paid for you by Jesus?
2. Read 2 Peter 2:6, Proverbs 25:28, and 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. The two main parts of self-control for followers of Jesus are restraining emotions and ruling over our physical desires. Of these two parts, which one sticks out to you the most and why?
3. Read 2 Peter 2:6, Colossians 1:19-23, and 1 Corinthians 15:58. Steadfastness is defined as being firmly fixed and not subject to change or being firm in belief and determination. What could steadfastness look like in your life?

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read 1 Timothy 4:8, 1 Corinthians 10:31, and 1 Peter 1:15-16. Godliness is reverent respect and a practical awareness of God in every aspect of our lives. What areas of your life do you need to invite God into?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:8-9, Matthew 13:22, and 1 Thessalonians 3:13-15. Peter tells us what happens when we do not grow in these virtues. After spending time looking at this week's passage what is your main takeaway?

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PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the great promises that you have given us so that we may become partakers of your divine nature. May we make every effort to grow in self-control, steadfastness, and godliness so that we may be effective and fruitful in growing to become more like you. We are humbled by the heavy cost of Jesus's sacrifice on the cross and are thankful for the new life we can now live in. We pray all these things in Your wonderful name. Amen.