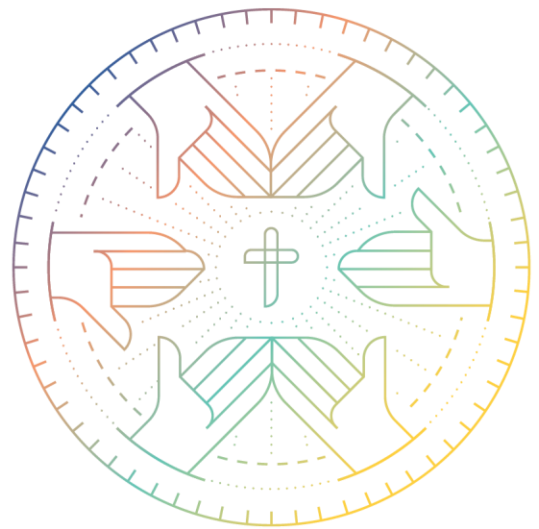


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MEETING AGENDA

WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

This week we are wrapping up our series *Building Blocks*, where we are learning from Peter the importance of actively building our foundation of faith. This week we will focus on what we are building. Over the past three weeks, we have looked at the building blocks of our faith, and this week we will dive into the why behind it as we look at the role sanctification plays in our entrance into the eternal kingdom promised to those who put their trust in Jesus.

Next week we will be starting a brand-new series about Prayer. To go along with our series, we have put together some resources in which you can go deeper into prayer. Just text “Challenge” to 32000 to sign up to receive those resources.

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

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What is the last thing you have built or seen built? (Examples: Furniture, a Business, Lego set, etc.)

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: 2 Peter 1:11

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INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

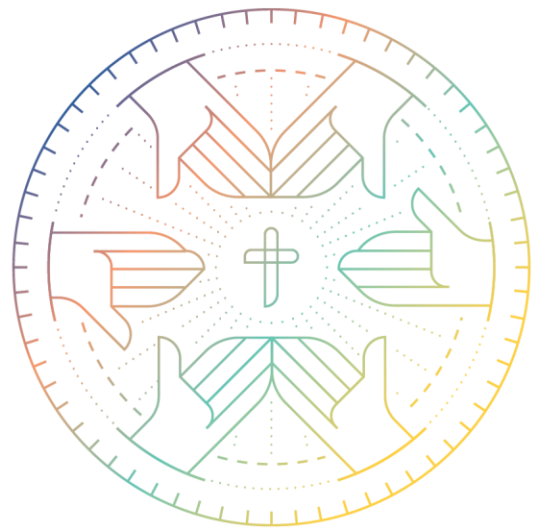
1. **Read Romans 6:22, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, and Titus 2:11-13. The building blocks we have been studying are tools for us to be set apart. What sticks out to you from these passages about the idea of being set apart or, as C.S. Lewis says, being made into “Little Christs?”**

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. Sanctification is the process of being made perfect as we perfect our relationship with God. C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity states, “The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else,” then becoming little Christ.” We may be the only Jesus that some people ever encounter, and Sanctification is the process in which we grow into being more like Christ.]

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2. Read 2 Peter 3:13, John 14:2-4, Revelation 7:16-17, and Revelation 21:4-6. We know that the eternal Kingdom Peter talks about is a real place. What sticks out to you from these passages about what heaven will be like?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. It will be a perfect place where perfected people live in perfect relationships with God and each other. In 2 Peter 3:13, we see that there will be new heavens and a new earth where righteousness or right living dwells. In John 14, Jesus says that he is preparing a place for you and me. In Revelation 7, there will be no hunger or thirst, and every tear will be wiped from our eyes. In Revelation 21, there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.]

3. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4, Matthew 6:10, Luke 17:21, and Romans 14:17. Jesus wants to make his kingdom in each one of us. What sticks out to you from these passages about how and why we are to live now?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. In 2 Peter, we are told that we have been granted all that we need for life here and now and that we have these promises so that we would escape the corruption from sinful desire. In Matthew 6, Jesus prays that God's kingdom would come and that His will would be done here on earth. In Luke 17, Jesus instructs us that the Kingdom of God is within each of us. Finally, in Romans 14, we see that this kingdom isn't one about rules and regulations but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.]

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

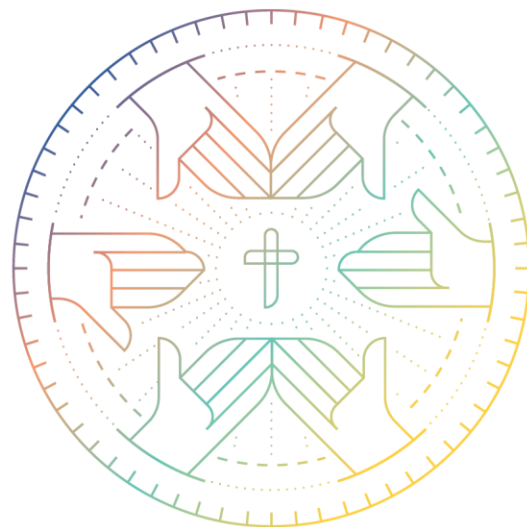
1. Read 1 John 3:6, Romans 6:1-2, and John 8:31. As you reflect on how you spend your time and energy, what does your foundation actually look like?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. Many people will say that their foundation is built on Christ. But as the difficulties of life emerge, we often turn to things to give us comfort or peace that are long-lasting. Examples could be food, alcohol, porn, impulse shopping, etc. We live our lives just trying to get to the weekend or a vacation or trip we have planned instead of intentionally putting our effort into the building blocks of our faith.]

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2. **Read Isaiah 53:6, Galatians 2:20, and Romans 8:1-11. After reflecting on your foundation, what would it look like for you to actively build to be a part of God's Kingdom this week?**

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[Answers will vary. The building blocks we have discussed in 2 Peter 1 are an excellent list of qualities to begin making a priority in your life. It is also essential to remember that this is an ongoing process. Ann Voskamp, in the forward to the book Good, beautiful and Kind, states, "Living a good, beautiful, and kind life – the way of Christ's love – is not something that happens overnight...The assumption that many carries are that God can produce something in us quickly, but the fruit is grown over time...So give yourself grace. We are all on the journey."]

3. **Read 2 Peter 1:10-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, and Revelation 1:5-6. What would it look like for your life to be drawing others into the Kingdom of God?**

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE

[Answers will vary. Is your relationship with God affecting the way you interact with others? Does it shape the words you use or the way you use your time and money? If nothing about our lives stands out as different, then we may want to see what areas of our life we need to change to begin to better reflect Jesus to those around us. Or maybe we need to start by understanding what is more Jesus actually looks like by beginning to read the Gospels.]

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for richly provided for us by providing an entrance into your eternal kingdom. May we become more like you as we cultivate and dedicate our lives to reflecting you to the world around us. Thank you for preparing a place for us in heaven, and thank you for allowing us to play a piece in what you are doing here on earth. We pray all these things in Your excellent name. Amen.