

LIFE Group Guide  
Fruit for Jesus  
Pastor Dennis Colton  
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2 Peter 1:5-15



**Prayer Request:** Pray that your group could collectively bear fruit for Jesus.

**Icebreaker Question(s):** What is your favorite fruit and why? What is the most exotic fruit you've ever eaten?

**Read 2 Peter 1:5-15:**

<sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup>I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup>since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

**Sermon Outline:**

We are meant to bear fruit for Jesus

3 ways to have faith that bears fruit for Jesus:

1. Supplement your faith
2. Confirm your calling
3. Be reminded of the truth

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to bear fruit (spiritually)?
2. Share about a time in your life you felt was very spiritually fruitful and effective.
3. What does it mean to have an ineffective and unfruitful faith?
4. What does Peter mean when he says “make every effort to supplement your faith” in verse 5? How does this fit with the previous verses in terms of how we are saved?
5. Peter lists 7 qualities with which he instructs us to supplement our faith. Which of these might be one you want to focus on in your own life and why?
6. Verse 10 tells us to confirm our calling. What does this mean? How does our fruitfulness confirm our calling?
7. How many times does Peter say he intends to remind us in verse 12-15? How does being reminded of the truth help us to bear fruit for Jesus?
8. Pastor Dennis spoke of “internal” and “external” fruit. What is external fruit and what is one step you could take towards greater external fruit for Jesus?
9. What is your biggest takeaway from the sermon today and what action step are you going to take?

**Prayer:** Our Father, we thank you that in your divine power you have granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. We thank you for granting to us your precious and very great promises, so that through them we might become partakers of the divine nature. You have been so good to us, and we ask that you would grow us increasingly, so that we would bear fruit for Jesus in all aspects of our lives. You are worthy of all of our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Son. By the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.