

STUDY GUIDE: REMEMBER

“Don’t Trip” (2 Peter 1:5-15)”

Discussion Starters

1. What do you think threatens to cause most Christians to stumble?
2. What happens to most Christians who do stumble?

Study: To prepare for this study, read through 2 Peter chapter 1. (You may want to choose a different translation than you have been using, as long as it is not a paraphrase.)

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASB, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASB—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“applying all diligence” (2 Peter 1:5)—

--“knowledge” (2 Peter 1:6)—

--“self control” (2 Peter 1:6)—

--“brotherly kindness” (2 Peter 1:7)—

--“choosing” (2 Peter 1:10)—

--“stumble” (2 Peter 1:10)—

--“call...to mind” (2 Peter 1:15)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you to better understand this passage. (HINT: If you are getting nothing more than a synonym for the definition, you need to dig a bit deeper.)

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5. How does someone “apply all diligence” ?
6. Reread the qualities Peter says need to be supplied to our faith. Do you think there is a reason they are presented in this order? How do they build on one another?
7. What is the difference between “knowledge” and “true knowledge”?
8. What does your life look like if you are neither “useless” or “unfruitful”?

Taking It Home

9. How do you personally “call...to mind” the things Peter mentions in vs. 15? Be specific.
10. Which of the qualities Peter mentions do you most need in your faith? How can you “supply” them?