

## Sermon Questions

### “Participating in the Diving Nature”

2 Peter 1:1-11

1. What stood out to you in this week’s message?
2. Pastor Jim shared with us that we as humans God has made it possible for us to participate in the divine nature. Upon hearing that statement, what were your first impressions? Share your thoughts with your group.
3. When we become Christians, our ability to partake in the divine nature is switched on. Please read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 2:20; Isaiah 43:18-19 and discuss what it means to be a new creation in Christ. How does our nature change when we become Christians?
4. Read 2 Peter 1:4 from our passage. Peter is telling us that because of God’s great glory and goodness that we don’t have to be dominated by the sin in our lives! He is saying that we are given a different nature than the one we were born with, a divine nature that flows from Him. Reflect for a moment on a time before you were a Christian. Was there one particular sin that plagued you that God has since delivered you from? Share the grace and peace that you have felt from God’s goodness to you.
5. Peter listed seven things for us to add to our faith in our Christian journey. Please read over this list and try to pick one of these things that you want to see more of in your life:

Goodness - excellent character and turning from sinful choices

Knowledge - an understanding of the truths of the faith

Self-control - discipline to restrain one’s desires and follow through with what is right, even when difficult

Perseverance - ability to keep moving forward despite suffering and opposition

Godliness - doing good deeds toward others and acts of piety toward God

Mutual Affection - kindness towards others

Love - sacrificial, unconditional love

Please discuss together which of these you have chosen and why you want to see God add these to your faith.

6. As we add these things to our faith, we are reminded of the fruits of the Spirit. Please read Galatians 5:13-26 to see the contrast of living according to our earthly nature and our divine nature. Please pray together and ask God to build up your faith. Pray that He will indeed continue to add all these things onto your faith so that you may walk in step with the Spirit. Thank God for His goodness and His mercy. Thank Him for the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, that we may have a new nature in Christ.