



Not So Secret Sauce wk1: Goodness

Introduction: Many Christians think that there must be a secret to actually living the Christian life; that true discipleship is something for professional Christians or on some higher level of spirituality. But Peter writes that we have all we need to live the full Christian life, but we need to not settle for simply faith. What if we added things in increasing measure that made us more productive and effective for the kingdom?

Discussion Questions

1. Who is this group loves to cook? If you cook a lot, do you mostly use recipes or make things up along the way? Anyone have a family recipe that has a “secret” ingredient-but you don’t have to share that ingredient here?
2. Read **2 Peter 1:3-4** What is “everything we need” to live a godly life? If we have everything we need, why is he going to go on and tell us to add 6 qualities?
3. Read **2 Peter 1:8-9** This is how Peter bookends the 6 qualities. What does it mean or what does it look like to not be “unproductive” or “ineffective?”
4. Read **2 Peter 1:5-7** What do you think of the progression of this list? Are these things that are naturally produced or do you need the preceding thing to develop the next one? How do these things help us be effective in the faith?
5. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10** What is the relationship between faith, salvation, and good works? Why do we do good works? What’s the difference between good works done in response to faith and those good works that people do without faith?
6. Respond to this quote by Frederick Beuchner - *“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”* What do you think of the idea that everyone, including you, has a calling and God has designed you for good works in that space?
7. If you aren’t certain of where your calling should take you, how do you find out?

Shaping Your Mind –*“make every effort to add to your faith goodness...” 2 Peter 1:5*

Moving Forward – May your faith prompt you to further good!