

### Supplemental Small Group Questions:

1. Have you ever doubted that you can develop godly character? Why or why not?
2. Does it change your thinking when Peter tells you that God has given you everything you need to develop godly character?
3. Pastor Kory said that grace is not just forgiveness, but also the power to change. Does this change how you think about the relationship between grace and effort (trying to be godly)?



# THE UNSHAKABLE LIFE

**Fighting for Faithfulness**

**Why Character Matters**

Our society's focus on safety has caused us to neglect a critical aspect of life, developing \_\_\_\_\_.

"Virtue...is what happens when someone has made a thousand small choices, requiring effort and concentration, to do something which is good and right but which doesn't "come naturally"—and then, on the thousand and first time, when it really matters, they find that they do what's required "automatically." N.T. Wright

### If we're saved by grace, why does Christian character matter?

1. Character \_\_\_\_\_ us.

2. We get closer to what \_\_\_\_\_ wants us to be.

### Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-11

Can we do better than sin in thought, word and deed every day?

*"God's divine power has given us \_\_\_\_\_ we need for life and godliness." (vs. 3)*

- This means we \_\_\_\_\_ develop godly character.

- God's divine power (\_\_\_\_\_) is the active ingredient in your growth.

Grace...

...\_\_\_\_\_ us. (now we can move on)

...Gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to change.

3. The next \_\_\_\_\_ is watching.

Does a relationship with Jesus really make a difference in our lives?

### How can we develop godly character?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ it's possible.

2. Make sure you \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Make every \_\_\_\_\_. (vs 5)

“Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. Grace, you know, does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone.” - Dallas Willard

4. Don't get \_\_\_\_\_. (It takes time.)

5. Lean on your \_\_\_\_\_ community.