

Nearsighted and Forgetful

- *God has given us everything that we need to flourish.*
- *God calls us to build on our faith so that we will be effective and fruitful.*
- *Failing to build on your faith makes you _____*
 - _____ *keeps you from growing.*
 - _____ *makes you effective, stable, and confident.*
- _____ *is essential for faithful ministry.*
 - _____ *to be reminded of the truth you trust.*
 - _____ *by remembering all that God has done for you in Christ.*

Make It Real

Because of what Jesus has done for me and what I have heard today,

- I will turn from my sin and trust Jesus to forgive me, make me acceptable to the Father, and give me new life.*
- I will work hard to purposefully grow by keeping what God has done for me in sight and step out of my comfort zone to build on my faith.*
- I will take every opportunity I have to listen to what I know about God and the gospel to keep me stirred up for faithful ministry.*

Personal observations from the message.

1. *How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?*
2. *What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?*
3. *What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?*
4. *What is a question you have?*
5. *What can you share with someone? Who can you share it with?*

Discussion questions from the message.

1. *Why does failing to add to your faith (v.5) make you useless (v. 8)?*
2. *What is nearsightedness? How do we become nearsighted in our walk with God? What is the connection between being nearsighted and forgetting what God has done for us? (v 9)*
3. *What does it mean to be diligent to confirm your calling and election?*
4. *Why is it true that if we "practice these qualities, we will never fall" (v. 10)?*
5. *Verse 11 says that an entrance to the eternal kingdom "will be richly provided for you." Why does it use passive (will be provided) instead of active (something like "you will earn")?*
6. *Why is Paul so eager to remind the people of what they already know? What are the implications of this for us?*