

# The Power of God's Promises “God Will Finish What He's Begun”

## INTRODUCTION

The Lord makes a powerful promise to us that he will not leave us in our sin and brokenness but will faithfully transform us by his power and for his glory into a holy people that shine light into a dark world. This week let's explore God's plan to create a people of his own, full of strength of character and holy.

**Read Philippians 1:6**

## STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)

### 1. According to His Plan - To Create a People

**Read: 1 Peter 1:3-5, Ephesians 2:1, 4-5**

Q1. According to these verses what has God given us? Why has He given us these gifts? (see Eph. 2:4-5) What was our condition before receiving God's mercy? What is our condition after?

**Read: Philippians 2:12-13, 2Peter 1:3-11, Jeremiah 29:11, 13**

Q2. From these verses what is God's plan for us? How are we to participate in his plan? How will he help us?

**Read: 1 Peter 2:9, Titus 2:14**

Q3. These scriptures declare that we have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. What is God's purpose in saving us? What kind of people are we to become?

### 2. Actively Fulfilling His Will - To Build Our Character

**Read: 1Peter 1:6-7, James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5**

Q4. From these scriptures what is the purpose of suffering and trials? Have you had a time of difficulty in your life that served to strengthen your faith and develop your character? What was it?

Q5. How can we “greatly rejoice” and “count it as joy” when we face suffering and hard times?

### 3. Achieving Our Full Salvation - To Make Us Holy

**Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

The word sanctify means to set apart for a special purpose. We are God's chosen people and our spirits, souls, and bodies are to be set apart for God. Let's explore how we can be made holy.

**A. Spirit-Read Psalm 51:10,17, 86:11; Ezekiel 36:26; Matthew 12:35**

Q6. What attitude do we need in order for our heart or spirit to be made new? What will God do for us when we ask for His help?

**B. Body- Read Romans 12:1; 1Thessalonians 4:4**

Q7. How can you offer your body as a sacrifice to the Lord? What behaviors would you like to change in your daily life?

**C. Mind- Read Romans 12:2, 8:6, Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:2**

Q8. From these verses, contrast the life of a person whose mind is controlled by the spirit and one whose mind is controlled by sin. Where should we be spending most of our thought time? What can you do when you find yourself thinking on earthly things?

## WRAP-UP

God promised that He will finish the beautiful work that he began in us when he rescued us from darkness and sin and brought us into his kingdom of light. This week, rest in this great promise that he will continue his work in us to make us holy, strong in character and able to declare his goodness to those yet lost in the world!

**Memory Verse: Philippians 1:6 (NLT)** “*I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*”

## PRAYER (20 MIN)

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for your group members' needs (use other side also):

Challenge: Do the ‘Day 1’ devotional found in the sermon notes.