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Recall These Things | Jesus Powerful Coming

Icebreaker: Share a time when you or your children were expecting someone's arrival? What was exciting about this arrival? What happened when they arrived?

In this session we will consider how our expectation of Jesus' power, his revelation, and his coming influences how we live our lives.

Read 2 Peter 1:13–15

- What does Peter expect will happen to him? What is his desire for his readers in light of this reality?

Read 2 Peter 1:16–18

- Why would it be important for Peter to draw a distinction between his teaching and myths? *Consider the religious culture of the Roman Empire. (See also Deuteronomy 32:16–17; Acts 14:11–12)*
- What does it mean that Jesus comes in power?
- Why was it important that Peter was an eyewitness to Jesus' majesty?
- What do you remember about how Peter responded to Jesus' transfiguration? Why is this event the greatest example of Jesus' majesty during his time on earth?

Read 2 Peter 1:19–21

- How does Peter describe the revelation given to him?
- Why must we pay attention to this revelation?
- What does Scripture do to those who are exposed to it? Why would Peter use the imagery of light? Who is the morning star? *(See Revelation 22:16)*
- In verses 20–21 we have one of the clearest explanations of how we received Scripture.
 - What do we learn is not a source of this revelation? Why is it important to understand this?
 - What difference would it make if Scripture was simply the interpretation of man or came solely from the will of man?
 - What was the true source of the revelation of Scripture?
 - Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17. What do we learn there about the nature and purpose of Scripture?

Note: Scripture was given to the authors in different ways. Some heard directly from God. Most wrote from their own experiences and knowledge. This is contrary to other revelations that were supposedly given by dictation (Islam and Mormonism). But as the authors wrote, they were influenced by the Holy Spirit so that what we have are the very words of God.

Application

- What are myths that people follow today? What would you share about Jesus that helps them see he is more than myth?
- What would cause you to pay more attention to God's Word?
- Why is Jesus' second coming in power important to you?