THE MORNING STAR

2 Peter 1:12–21

Key Verse: 1:19

1. In verse 12, what are “these things” to which the author is referring? (3–11) What does it mean to be “firmly established in the truth”? What was soon going to happen to Peter? (13–15) Why does he insist that we need to not only “know” but also “always remember” what he taught us?
2. Among his teachings, what future event does Peter emphasize? (16; 3:10–13; cf. Mk13:26; 14:62; 1Th5:2) How did he and the other disciples get a preview of it? (16b–18; cf. Mk9:7) Why is their eyewitness testimony about that experience so important?
3. What “prophetic message” of the Old Testament also points to this future event? (19a; cf. Da7:13,14; 12:1–3; Isa2:11,12,17,19,21; Joel2:1,2,10,11,31,32a)
4. In verses 19–21, how many times does the author use the words “prophetic,” “prophecy” or “prophet”? How should we view the prophecies of Scripture, and why? (20,21; 2Ti3:16)
5. Read verse 19. What does it mean to pay attention to Scripture “as to a light shining in a dark place”? (Ps19:7,8; 119:105,130) When we do, what eventually happens to us? (19b) What is “the morning star,” and how does it help sailors? How does this metaphor apply to our lives as Christians?