STUDY GUIDE: REMEMBER "Eye Witnesses" (2 Peter 1:16-21)"

Discussion Starters

- 1. Have you ever been an eye witness of something important?
- 2. Why is having an eye witness important?

Study: To prepare for this study, read through 2 Peter chapter 1. (You may want to choose a different translation than you have been using, as long as it is not a paraphrase.)

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASB, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASB—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

---"follow" (2 Peter 1:16)— --"eyewitnesses" (2 Peter 1:16)— --"well-pleased" (2 Peter 1:17)— --"own" (2 Peter 1:20)— --"interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20)— --"moved" (2 Peter 1:21)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you to better understand this passage. (HINT: If you are getting nothing more than a synonym for the definition, you need to dig a bit deeper.)

5. What is the "power" of Jesus Christ?

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6. What is Peter referring to in vs. 17?

7. To what does "the Majestic Glory" refer to? What would this have looked like to the witnesses?

- 8. Why was the Father "well pleased" with Jesus?
- 9. What is a "prophecy of scripture"?
- 10. How does the Holy Spirit "move" someone to write scripture?

Taking It Home

11. What can you say you have been an "eye witness" to regarding Jesus?

12. What scripture(s) do you most need to pay attention to in order to strengthen your faith?