### Application

4. Peter calls us to set our hope on the time when "Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming" (verse 13). How far into the future are you thinking? Share practical ways that can help others lengthen their time horizon.

5. How do you live so that "your faith and hope are in God" (verse 21) at the same time you are striving to obey the command "be holy in all you do" (verse 15)?

## THE HOPE WE NEED TO SURVIVE 1 Peter 1:13-21

God has one destined end for mankind - holiness! His one aim is the production of saints. God is not an eternal blessing-machine for men. He did not come to save men out of pity. He came to save men because He had created them to be holy.

-Oswald Chambers

Hope grows in our heart when God's plan is clear in our mind. (1 Peter 1:13)

# God's plan is for us to receive holiness and practice holiness because he is Holy. (1 Peter 1:14-17)

### Getting to Know You

1. What was your favorite subject in school? Least favorite?

#### Into the Bible

2. Patrick used examples of athletes preparing ahead of time to compete. In 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Paul adds two other examples of people who have to be disciplined and prepare ahead of time: soldiers and farmers. Think of ways that athletes, soldiers and farmers prepare. How do these apply to preparing to live a holy life as followers of Christ?

Our hope for holiness has been secured by Christ's resurrection. (1 Peter 1:18-21)

Peter calls their way of life empty, before they knew Christ (1 Peter 1:18).
How might a return to that empty way of life be a relief from persecution?
Do we face the same temptation?