Life Group Homework

2 Peter 1:16-21—Understand the Infallible Basis of Your Faith

Getting Started:
1. If you were given the chance to see the power and glory of Christ with your own eyes how would that affect your faith? How would it affect your obedience?
2. Which do you think would bring the stronger faith, seeing Christ's glory with your own eyes or having the Bible?
Digging In:
1. In what way were the myths of old 'cleverly devised' and do we have any 'cleverly devised' myths of today?
2. How does the experience of Peter and the other authors of Scripture differ from the authors of other so called 'holy books' of today, such as the Koran or the book of Mormon?

3. One way to translate verse 19 is, "and we have the more reliable prophetic word." Is there a way that prophecies fulfilled over centuries of history is a more reliable witness than the testimony of an eyewitness to God's glory?
4. How might we obey the instruction to pay attention to the prophetic word "as to a lamp shining in a dark place"? What would that look like in our daily lives?
5. Seeing that the phrase "the day dawns" in verse 19 refers to the second coming of Christ, how is the phrase "the morning star rises in our hearts" fulfilled in that day? What is happening in our hearts?

6. If prophecy TRULY is spoken "from God" and I am confident of that, how important would it be that I am studying it and seeking to understand it?
7. Why might this statement about the reliability of Scripture be so important to bring up before Peter tackles the issue of false teachers?
Living It Out:
1. Does your heart love the reliability of God's word and trust in it, or does it tend to want experiences to strengthen its faith?

2. What are some ways that you can increase i	n how much you "pay attention" to the Scriptures?