

## ONE CONVERSATION

**Parents:** Read 2 Peter 3:3-13 and consider how knowing the end changes our experience of the present. Think about it. When you watch a recording of your favorite team's game, knowing that they are going to win, you don't worry when the other team takes the lead. You know that your team is going to prevail in the end. What if you could know that you would succeed in your next big project or competition? Would that change your perspective? Such knowledge would free us from the anxiety that often hinders us from engaging in these things with confidence. Followers of Christ know the end. We know that Christ is coming back to judge the world and that all who trust in Him will be redeemed on that day. Peter concluded his second letter to the churches of Asia Minor by challenging them to live in light of the final outcome, to anticipate Christ's return by living like He is coming back and is going to win. Knowing this should empower us to live for Christ and make the most of the time—encouraging those around us to look to Jesus for the redemption that only He can provide.

Encourage your son or daughter to live in anticipation of Christ's return this week.

## CENTRAL TRUTH

Christ-followers live with anticipation of Christ's return by joining Him in His present work of redemption.

## PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Do you live with an active anticipation of Christ's return? What does it look like to do so? Take some time to honestly evaluate yourself, whether you are living with an eternal mindset and making eternal investments with your time and energy. If you are not, what is holding you back? What difficult decisions might you need to make in order to begin prioritizing Christ's kingdom in your daily attitude and actions? Determine to start making these decisions and adjustments in your life this week.
- › **Memorize:** 2 Peter 3:9
- › **Pray:** Close your time in prayer, thanking God that He is not slow to fulfill His promises, but instead, is working all things in His timing. Thank Him for bringing us into His kingdom and enjoying His people forever—through eternity. Pray that we would have peace and patience as we live in the knowledge that Jesus will return and we will be treasured by God forever.