## Preparing for the Second Coming

- 1. Discuss with your partner why the answers listed on the board seem like important ways to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
- 2. Notice phrases about Babylon in <u>verses 5</u>, <u>7</u>, and <u>14</u>. In Old Testament times, the city of Babylon was a place of great wickedness. In these verses, Babylon is being used as a symbol of worldliness.
  - 1. What might it mean when the Lord directs us to go "out from Babylon"?
  - 2. In what ways can we go out from Babylon? How might these things prepare us for the Second Coming?
  - 3. What have you done to remove yourself from worldly influences?
- 3. Reread <u>Doctrine and Covenants 133:15</u>, and look for what the Lord warned the early Saints not to do as they went out from Babylon. You might want to mark what you find and consider how this warning applies in your life.
  - 1. What do you think it means to "not look back" after we have removed ourselves from worldly influences? (We "look back" when we attempt to forsake the world but then return to our former ways. Rather than allowing our hearts to change, we long for and then return to our previous lifestyle.)
  - 2. What principle can we learn from <u>verse 15</u>?
  - 3. Discuss with your partner how Latter-day Saint youth can "not look back" as they try to grow spiritually and come closer to the Savior.
  - 4. Think of people you know who are always looking forward, preparing for the Second Coming. What do you see them do?