

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon Series: *Steady Sojourners*

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1-22

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: False teachers will be judged because they distort the Word, are driven by the flesh, and are destructive in the church.

In 2 Peter, the church is plagued by false teachers who teach that the return of Christ is a myth, therefore they are free to “eat and drink for tomorrow we die.” In chapter 2, Peter goes “on offense” and calls them out - who they are, their motives, message and morals. In doing so, he aims to equip the church to exercise discernment in identifying false teachers so that we are neither duped by their schemes nor find a share in their end.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Recall and share a time when you were duped - misled by someone or something that wound up not only being embarrassing but also costly.

How relevant, and how much more significant is it then, that we be equipped to discern truth from error in the church today?

READ 2 Peter 2:1-22 (*tip - it may help to have the 1st 4 questions in mind as you read*)

1. From the text, what is a false teacher?
2. From the text, what message do false teachers communicate?
3. From the text, what kind of lives do false teachers live?
4. From the text, what are the effects of the ministry of false teachers?
5. From the above 4 questions, consider:
 - a. Where have you seen these “out there” in the world or other churches?
 - b. Where do you see these same ingredients and proclivities in your own heart and life?
6. In verses 4-16, Peter refers to 4 stories in the Old Testament (angels’ rebellion and fall, Noah, Sodom & Gomorrah, and Balaam.) What common ingredient do these 4 stories share? What is the main point for bringing these up and what does it have to do with false teachers today?
7. What gospel hope is there in these verses?
 - a. How does this hope relate to Peter’s overall call to “confirm your calling and election” by pursuing godliness (see ch 1)?