

Dying Words (A Series on 2 Peter)

"How to Avoid False Teachers"

2 Peter 2:10b-22

5. Read 2 Peter 2:17-22- What is Peter warning us against and how do/have we subtly fallen into this false teaching?

6. Read Romans 6:3-4. How does following Jesus help us listen to Jesus?

7. Read Romans 6:5. How does knowing Jesus help us listen to Jesus?

8. Read Romans 6:6-7. How does joining Jesus help us listen to Jesus?

Two ways to avoid false teachers:

1. Learn to _____ them when you see them. (2 Peter 2:10b-22)

3 possible ways to read the tone of this passage:

_____ Value. Or,

_____ Gas Approach

Recognizing a false teacher is not _____. It's a slow burn, a constant drip, a long game of what can look like fruitful ministry, confidence in truth, and a seeming level of expertise.

Peter is showing the spiritual reality and the spiritual ends of a false teacher's heart.

The "Fruit" of Balaam (Numbers 22-24):

He _____ to God.

He _____ to God

He _____ God's Word.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

2. Practice Listening to _____. (2 Peter 2:17-22)

Peter is warning the church not to abuse God's _____.

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. (Romans 6:1-7)

3 Ways We Practice Listening to Jesus:

- _____ Jesus. (Romans 6:3-4)
- _____ Jesus. (Romans 6:5)
- _____ Jesus. (Romans 6:6-7)

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What characteristics come to mind when you hear of people and leaders being labeled as false teachers?

3. How does your experience and/or characteristics that come to mind of false teachers compare with the analogy of an "unseen, odorless gas?"

4. How does the story of Balaam illustrate the difficulty of recognizing false teachers in our midst? (Read Numbers 22 as a group if you need a refresher)