

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

Celebrate and Care:

1. What is something that happened this week that you are celebrating?
2. What is something that happened this week that is painful?

Learn, Grow, and Apply:

3. What is the proper way to address a friend, family member, or a church member who consistently listens to false teaching? How much of a person's teaching should you listen to before drawing a conclusion on whether their teaching is false? What is the criteria?
4. How does Peter demonstrate the difference between genuine faith and phony faith? What is our biblical responsibility to others here and how do we address it if it's unclear?
5. If the message and motive of false teachers is like a "waterless spring" and "mists driven by a storm", which means they are essentially meaningless, then how/why are people caught up by their message? How can we avoid being caught up with them? What does it say about our own motive(s) if we are caught up with them?
6. What is the danger of knowing the gospel yet still walking away from it?
7. Peter states that the hearts of false teachers are "trained in greed." How do we protect our own hearts from greed? How do we discern when we are making decisions based on our greed, even if it seems that our decision is beneficial and justified?
8. Is it possible to claim Christ and yet pursue selfish motives? Why do we even try to reconcile that idea?

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

Remember the Emptiness of False Teachers - 2 Peter 2:17-22

The Big Idea: Believers must recognize and understand the serious nature of false teaching by recognizing the emptiness of their teaching, their motives, and the future destruction of its advocates.

The Emptiness of their Doctrine (2:17-19)

- The presentation of _____ (2:17-18)
- The promise of _____ (2:19)

The Exposing of their Motives (2:20-22)

- Their _____ (2:20a)
- The _____ (2:20b-21)
- The _____ (2:22)