



False Teachers

MAIN THING

A Teacher's Life Speaks So Loudly You Can't Hear What They Are Saying

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 Timothy 1:3-7, Matthew 7:15-20

ICEBREAKER

For many of us, there was a teacher or professor in our lives that really connected with us, taught us truth, and shaped the way we think. Who was that person in your life?

OPENING THOUGHT

Whether it was our kindergarten teacher, a college professor, or the guy that taught us how to do an oil change, we have experienced teachers in every walk of life. For a teacher to be successful, they have to be trusted, and for a student to be successful, they have to trust. Unfortunately, there are many who aren't worthy of that trust, and they lead people in directions where they shouldn't go. Their fruit is not good, and the results of their teaching works in opposition to God's plan. In our discussion time, we'll look at how to identify a false teacher in order to learn God's ways better and not be drug into a hole of lies and deceit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. In Sunday's sermon, we learned that there are 4 identifiers of a false teacher. What are they? Why is it so important to know how to identify a false teacher? How do they affect the way we think and act?
3. Not all teachers are necessarily people. What are some other things in our lives that could be false teachers? Have you found yourself following one of these? Which ones?

LIFE APPLICATION

Read 2 Peter 2:1-3. Have you found yourself believing things about God that aren't true? Where did you learn these things? Do you find yourself easily swayed by a compelling speaker? A song that just seems to "connect" with you? Is there a television show or movie that just seems to "get you"?

CHALLENGE

It's important that we understand where our faith, beliefs and values come from. This week, take an inventory of the input you are receiving daily. Do the Sunday messages help you develop your faith? Is it media? Is it social media? Is it personal Bible study? Get an understanding this week of how your faith is developed, and take the time to understand if it's coming from the right source.