

Rejecting False Teaching Strong and Faithful Study of 2 Peter 2 Discussion Questions

If you saw an advertisement promising you “To Get Rich Quick”, what is your first reaction to a message like this?

READ – 2 Peter 2:1-3

- What were the false teachers teaching that influenced Peter to write this text? What did they believe about the person of Jesus, his return, and the scriptures?
- What are some of the key doctrines that false teachers deny?
- What are some modern-day examples of “destructive heresies” that “exploit with false words”?

READ – 2 Peter 2:10-15

- What are some characteristics of false teachers that Peter describes in these verses?
- How might those that buy into the false messages also exhibit these characteristics?

READ – 2 Peter 2:3-9 and Galatians 1:9

- What is God’s response to false teachers?
- What examples from the Old Testament did Peter use to illustrate God’s judgment?

READ – 2 Peter 2:17-22

- What illustrations does Peter use to describe false messages?
- V19 What promises are often made by false teachers and yet how does Peter describe the end result?
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Application & Reflection

Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message most intersect?

How can reading Scripture help you to be faithful to the truth of the Gospel? Do you have a regular rhythm of engaging God in his word? If so, what tools have you found helpful in helping you understand the scriptures? If not, what’s keeping you from starting?

How can we become a small group community that helps one another develop a love for God’s word and not be swayed by False Messages?