

# Beware of False Teaching

2 Peter 2  
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## 2 PETER

A LONG OBEDIENCE IN THE SAME DIRECTION

In this chapter, Peter is aggressive with his scolding comments towards a specific group of people: False Teachers. There are a few reasons why Peter is so passionate in his plea. The first is that these teachers are found *inside* of the church. There are always threats from outside of the church, but that is not Peter's concern in this letter. Secondly, not only are these teachers inside of the church, but they are also drawing people away from the truth of the gospel and towards their false teaching. Peter issues serious warnings in this chapter, and it would benefit us to be aware of them as well.

### Discussion Questions

1. Start with prayer and read through 2 Peter 2. What do you notice about Peter's language and examples in this chapter? Why do you think he is so aggressive?
2. Peter gives some good descriptions behind the motivations of false teachers. Based on what you read in this chapter, what sticks out to you the most from the characteristics of false teachers? Why do you think that thing or issue stuck out to you?
3. Why do you think people are drawn to false teachers? What makes them or their ideas so appealing?
4. Have you ever encountered a false teacher inside of a church or a Christian organization or small group? How did you know what they were teaching was out of line with the gospel? (You may be learning right now that you have encountered a false teacher based on what you have learned.)
5. One of the dominant teaching strategies of the false teachers in Peter's day was to deny the judgment of Jesus when He returns again. They abused the grace of God by doing whatever they wanted and encouraging others to do the same. If someone were to try and convince you of this teaching, what would you say to them? How would you "defend" a proper understanding of God's grace?
6. Discuss this Tim Keller quote: *"If your god never disagrees with you, you might just be worshiping an idealized version of yourself."* How does this tie in with Peter's chapter addressing false teaching?
7. Take time to pray together and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in truth.