

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Unanswered Questions
Week 7 Study

Icebreaker

What is an item of clothing you wore over and over as a kid?

Passage 1 1 Timothy 1:1-7 (NIV)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God’s work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.”

Reflection What was Paul’s task for Timothy?
Why was it so important for Timothy to address those tasks?

Passage 2 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 (NIV)

“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.”

Reflection False teachers present a different Jesus, a different Spirit and a different gospel.
What are the dangers in that?

Passage 3 Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Reflection How can we be sure that what we are learning from our spiritual leaders are not false teachings?

Application

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. – Romans 16:17, (NIV)

No matter who is preaching God's word, we must always go back and ask the Holy Spirit for understanding and read the scriptures for ourselves to know if what we learned is correct.

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