

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **RE:PETE** Message: **"FAKE NEWS"** – 2 Peter 2.

November 25, 2018

RE:PETE CURRENT SERIES
LIVING IN THE HOPE OF JESUS RETURN

Connect (10min) – Share refreshments.

GROUP PHOTO – Plan to take a group photo to send into Pastor Eryn for the Year End video.

OPEN - Invite 1 Person to Read [Isaiah 9:6](#) & Open in Prayer.

JESUS, this is Who You Are. We need your Leadership, your Counsel, your Strength, your Security and Peace. Help us to grow in our understanding and experience of the Truth of Who You Are. Amen.

*It's Starting to Look a lot Like Christmas:

- a. *What is one of your Favorite Christmas Movies?*
- b. *What is one of your Favorite Christmas Carols?*

December with Jesus (15min)

*What have you been reading or focusing on in your personal devotions last week (Bible /Journaling/Prayer...)?

*What is 1 thing that you were encouraged or challenged by in that experience?

*Do you have a plan/focus for December (Advent Season)?

Sunday Message Feedback (50min)

***Speaker:** Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor. **Message:** FAKE NEWS – 2 Peter 2.

1. Crowd Breaker: 2 TRUTHS & A LIE

Have each group member tell the group 2 things that are true and one thing that is not true about themselves. For example I (Pastor Shawn) have eaten a Cobra, have been a motivational speaker in Public schools and have been robbed at gunpoint. Two of these things are true one is false.

*The challenge is to have the group discern which statements are true and which ones are false.

*After someone share their 3 statements – vote on which statement is FALSE.

2. Did you find it difficult discerning the truth from a lie? Why? Discuss.

3. Have you ever **"twisted the truth"**? What was the result?

4. Share the Reading of 2 Peter 2. What is your initial response to this Chapter?

Do you remember the 3 Principles Shawn taught from this passage on how to deal with false teachers and teachings? (**BE AWARE – BE ASSURED – BE ALIGNED**)

*Which one did you identify with the most & why? Discuss.

5. READ Deuteronomy 13. Optional References: <http://www.openbible.info/topics/truth>

a. What does this passage tell us about God's passion for Truth?

b. Read John 8:44. Optional References: <http://www.openbible.info/topics/liar>

Would you agree that the Devil's number one tactic is deception? Why/why not?

6. The TRUTH about FALSE TEACHERS

a. Shawn listed a number of insights about False Teachers that helps us BE AWARE.

Do you remember what they were? (*False Teachers are Always Around, Distort the Truth, Deny Christ, Make the path to heaven wide, Cover Up their motives and Despise authority*).

> Shawn talked about how "**False Teachers Distort the Truth.**"

> He pointed out that false teachers "**will use our vocabulary but not our dictionary.**"

In other words they will use the same terms: "Jesus," "Savior," "Salvation," "Inspiration"-- But the meaning of the words that they are using are not the meaning of the words as you know them from Scripture.

Can you think of any examples of teaching or false religions that do this? (e.g. Jehovah Witnesses/Mormons)

7. READ [Matthew 7:15-20](#)

a. Jesus says that false prophets come to us in 'sheep's clothing.'

Which disguises might they wear today? Discuss.

b. What kind of 'fruit' is Jesus talking about in this passage?

c. What does this passage say TO us and ABOUT us? Discuss.

8. a. **Spotting Counterfeits:** What are some examples of counterfeits in life and how one spots them?

b. **Why is a personal relationship with Jesus so important to not being led astray by a false teaching?**

The truth is, the more we know someone the easier it is to identify the truth and spot counterfeits when they come along.

Application & Prayer (15min)

Pastor Shawn concluded with two thoughts:

1. God loves me enough to give warn me. He loves me enough to tell me the truth.

2. God wants us to find faithful people as examples that we can follow.

- Which thought speaks to you the most? Which thought do you need to apply to your life?
- Where in your life may you be believing a lie?
- What do you need to do to become more grounded in the truth?

PRAYER: *Break into smaller groups of 3-4 people, or men & women.*

***In response to our focus and discussion how can we Pray for you?**

READ &/or [LISTEN](#) through [2 Peter](#) again this week.

Bonus Resources:

[The Bible Project Introduction to 2 Peter on YouTube](#)

www.gotquestions.org/Book-of-2-Peter.html

www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/peter-simon

www.gotquestions.org/life-Peter.html

Announcements

Our NEXT LIFE GROUP MEETING: *DATE / TIME / LOCATION*. SNACK DUTY: _____.

Christmas HOPE Campaign

*Our List of Hamper Referrals is now FULL.

*To Volunteer please contact Colleen Walker & Heather Procee at christmashopecampaign@gmail.com

*Hampers will be delivered (D-DAY) on Sat. December 15th - starting at 10am from the Chapel. Prep-days will be that week leading up to it.

Christmas Tales – Outreach Event – with Justyn Rees & the Russ Rosen Band.

December 6&7. 7pm – Main Street Chapel. Tickets are \$10 – available at Guest Services & the Church Office.

*Tickets are limited and selling fast!

Sunday, December 23rd

1 SERVICE ONLY. 10:45am

Christmas EVE Services – Mon. December 24th.

Mon. December 24th. SERVICE TIMES - 2:30pm / 4:00pm / 6:30pm.