

Small Group Guide: God's Word Revealed - Staying Faithful to Truth

Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to help your group understand His Word clearly and give you wisdom to discern truth from error in your daily lives.

Icebreaker Question

What's one piece of advice you received that seemed good at first but turned out to be misleading? How did you figure out it was wrong?

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. **God's Word is consistent and unchanging** - From Moses through the prophets to Christ and the apostles, God's message has remained cohesive.
2. **Signs and wonders don't validate a message** - Miraculous acts alone don't prove someone speaks for God; their message must align with Scripture.
3. **False teaching often comes from within** - The greatest danger to the church isn't external persecution but internal seduction away from truth.
4. **We are called to represent God accurately** - Like Israel, the church is called to be a light to the world, and we don't get to redefine how we represent Him.
5. **Knowing God's Word is our protection** - Familiarity with Scripture equips us to recognize and reject false teaching.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text

1. **Read Deuteronomy 13:1-5.** Why does Moses warn Israel about prophets who perform signs and wonders? What does this teach us about how to evaluate spiritual claims today?

2. How did the Old Testament prophets "confirm" rather than contradict Moses? Can you think of examples from the prophets you've read?
3. **Read 2 Peter 2:1-3 and 3:1-2.** What parallels do you see between Peter's warnings and Moses' warnings in Deuteronomy 13?

Personal Reflection

4. The sermon mentioned that false teachers often tell us what we want to hear. When have you been tempted to embrace a teaching because it was comfortable rather than because it was biblical?
5. Moses was concerned Israel would be "ensnared" by the practices of surrounding nations. What are some cultural practices or beliefs today that subtly pull Christians away from biblical truth?
6. The pastor mentioned several false teachings: therapeutic deism (God exists to make me happy), Jesus-plus theology, and prosperity gospel. Have you encountered these? How do they distort our view of God and our calling?

Application

7. **Read Malachi 4:4-6.** The prophets' final message was "remember the law of Moses" and watch for the Messiah. How can we practically "remember" God's Word in our daily lives?
8. The sermon stated: "Where your feet are is where your ministry is." What does this mean for your workplace, neighborhood, or family? How does knowing God's Word equip you for ministry in those places?
9. Peter urged believers to "stir up" their minds by remembering God's Word (2 Peter 3:1-2). What specific practices help you remember and apply Scripture throughout your week?
10. How can we as a group help each other stay grounded in truth and avoid being led astray by appealing but unbiblical messages?

Accountability Questions

1. Where am I most tempted to redefine Christianity according to my preferences rather than God's Word?

2. Am I regularly reading Scripture, or am I relying only on what others tell me it says?
3. When I hear a teaching or message, do I evaluate it against Scripture, or do I accept it because it sounds good or comes from someone popular?
4. Am I fulfilling my calling to represent Christ where God has placed me, or am I passive about my faith?

Closing Reflection

The pastor ended with this sobering truth: "All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:12). Following Christ faithfully isn't easy, but it's our calling.

Final Question: What's one way this group can support you in staying faithful to God's Word and your calling this week?

Closing Prayer

Pray together:

- For wisdom to discern truth from error
- For courage to stand firm on God's Word even when it's unpopular
- For faithfulness in representing Christ in your daily lives
- For protection from false teaching and deception
- For a deeper love for God's Word