

Community Group Discussion Guide
2 Peter 2:11-22
(Week of May 21, 2023)

Getting to know you:

1. Do you know how to spot a counterfeit twenty (\$20) dollar bills just by observation?
2. Looking back at the sermon from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, was reminded of, or was a big takeaway for you?
3. Take a few minutes and read aloud 2 Peter 2:11-22

Getting into the text:

4. Before we jump into our text together let's go back, read and discuss again Matthew 7:15-16 unhurried.

What can we learn and discern from scripture about the deceptive nature and agenda of false prophets?

Matthew's Gospel gives us a warning of the subtle infiltration of wolves in sheep clothing. Take the next several minutes and read the text again in Matthew 7:15-20 and layout how can we be sure of the deceptive teachings of false prophets? What should we be on the look out for?

Together provide a list of fruit that is evident and evidence of false teachers and prophets. A helpful place to start is to revisit 2 Peter 2:1-3, 11-20 look closely at the descriptive actions taken to gain some insight into their deceptive lies, lives, and actions.

Take time to discuss what you see and learn from the text.

Together make a list of what you clearly see as red alerts that every Christian should notice and be aware of, especially when discipling others in the faith.

Read the final condemnation from Peter stating the judgement to come upon all those who teach another Gospel and lead many astray. Read and reflect on 2 Peter 2:20-23

What is the meaning of a dog returning to it's on vomit? (Proverbs 26:11 also see Philippians 3:2)

5. Read again 2 Peter 2:5-11 In what ways do you find encouragement to stand for God as a true believer in the faith?

Are there people in your sphere of influence you feel compelled by the God to warn of useless, and destructive false teachers and teachings?

If so discuss one action step, you are willing to take this week.

Close in Prayer:

Thank God for His wisdom, Godly Shepherds, and uncompromising truth.