

September 8 – 14

Recall These Things | False Teachers

Icebreaker: What is an example of someone who is a false teacher? How have they led people astray?

In this session we will consider how false teachers can lead people away from Jesus.

Read 2 Peter 2:1-3

- What makes someone a false prophet or teacher? How might their teachings be similar or different from core Christian beliefs?
- What do we learn about false prophets from Deuteronomy 13:1-3 and Matthew 7:15-16?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4. Why might people be inclined to follow teachings that resemble core doctrine but differ in details?
- Why is it essential for every Christian individual to study the scriptures for themselves? How might this guard against the deception of false teachers?
- How is the denial of the Master, Jesus, at the center of destructive heresies? Why would the enemy want to lead people away from a right understanding of Jesus?
- Why is a focus on sensuality (the word has a sense of extreme sexual immorality) a frequent result of unbiblical teaching?
 - Why would a rejection of God's authority and truth lead to an unhealthy obsession with sex?
 - Why would this obsession lead people away from the truth?
- In verse 3, what does God promise will happen to false teachers?

Application

- What are some false Christian teachings that are popular today?
 - What do they get wrong about Jesus?
 - Why might they be appealing to believers?
 - How does greed play into their teaching?
- How can you guard against these teachings taking root in your life and family? How might you keep open conversations and discussions on faith with your family?
- How can a strong Christian community help you from straying away from faith and obedience?