

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 16, 2013

This Week's Focus: Peter continues his warning against false teachers describing their behavior and their bondage.

This Week's Text: 2 Peter 2:10b-22

"We worship our way into idolatry and must worship our way out," **Mark Driscoll**

"Just as a gifted musician finds freedom and fulfillment putting himself or herself under the discipline of a great artist, or an athlete under the discipline of a great coach, so the believer finds true freedom and fulfillment under the authority of Jesus Christ." **Warren Wiersbe**

Related Texts: Matthew 23, Number 22-24, John 8:34, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Romans 8:39, Jude 24, John 10:28-30, Matthew 11:20-24, Luke 16:24

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- Take a moment and contemplate our culture and this description of false teachers. Discuss the importance and the necessity of this warning.
- Why does God's anger burn against false teachers?
- What are some of the schemes false teachers use to draw people away from the truth?
- Can you think of a time when you've been exposed to false teaching?
- Discuss Peter's description of the false teachers in verses 10-14.
 - What is the behavior you find most disturbing?
 - In what ways should we as the church, be judgmental or discerning?
 - Who are they "targeting?"
- What is the implication of using the story of Balaam and his donkey in this passage?

- What is the inference Peter is making about the false teachers in verse 17?
- False teachers lead people into bondage. How do we explain the paradox of Christianity, “the more you submit to God the greater the freedom”?
- On the surface, verses 20-22 seem to suggest that a person can lose their salvation. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5 and discuss why this cannot be the correct interpretation of this passage?
- Pastor Lou mentioned that they were probably people who “appeared” to be Christians but as time went on it was shown that they were not.
 - Read 1 John 2:18-19 and discuss why these passages and warnings are important.
 - How does this warning open your eyes to the teachers you listen to?
- Why is it better for someone to not know the way of righteousness than to turn back after knowing it?
- What is the inference of Proverbs 26:11 and the other extra biblical Proverb in verse 22?
- What are some ways you can prevent being led astray in your faith when false teachers come?
- Discuss some things you have learned in this chapter and how they have made an impact in your life.

Gospel Celebration:

- Rejoice in the finished work of Christ and the freedom we have to obey Christ.
- Jesus said, “*The thief (false teacher) comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*”

Our Response:

- Pray for the Spirit to illuminate our hearts to the truth.
- Pray for God’s grace to be humble while standing on the truth of God’s word.

Next Week’s Text: 2 Peter 3:1-8