



PETER

THE MARTYR

Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week Two

This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

They promise them freedom,
while they themselves are slaves of depravity –
for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.

- 2 Peter 2:19

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 2:1-3

Devotional Reading

Even within a group of Christians, it can be difficult to know whose advice to trust.

One pastor may tell you one thing, while a modern Christian author tells you another, and your friend's grandma still another. Sometimes the false teachers are easy to spot, but sometimes it may feel nearly impossible to know who is preaching truth and who is teaching lies. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:15), Jesus explicitly cautions us about "wolves in sheep's clothing!"

2 Peter 2:1 says, "There will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies."

Peter warns us that false teachers are abounding, and will "exploit you with false words." As followers of Christ, we need to heed this warning and make ourselves aware of the false teachings that could be leading us astray.

We must ask the Lord to reveal his truth so we can recognize the false teachings in our lives that may be leading us off the true path God has for us. Sometimes our fleshly nature may find it too difficult or hurtful to recognize something we enjoy as false. But if we choose to ignore him, we allow ourselves to be exploited by false prophets.

The Lord had a promise for the Israelites: "How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you... Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" If we cry out to him and obey him, he will lead us away from false teachings and towards his truth.

Faith In Action

Search your heart. Humbly, but very deliberately seek the Lord. Have you been ignoring a belief you hold that comes from a false teacher? Write down the lies you believe or the sources you know you cannot trust.

Today's Prayer

Father, open our eyes so that we can see the ways our hearts have been misled towards you. Open our ears to recognize the false prophets speaking into our lives. Show us the way into your truth!