



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

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Scripture Reading

Acts 17:10-15; Romans 5:8-10

Devotional Reading

In battle, once an enemy is recognized a plan of action must be formed in order to fight. Without a plan of attack, you are left unprepared and weak against your foe. To avoid falling prey to the false teachers that Peter warned against, there are a few things that we can do.

In the book of Acts, the Bereans received Paul's preaching of the Gospel "with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

Because of their willingness to listen and their eagerness to seek out the truth in God's word, not only did many Jews believe, but many Greeks believed as well. When working to avoid the teachings of false prophets, we are wise to follow the example of the Bereans and to test what we hear against God's inspired word in the Scriptures. May his word be our barometer!

Another way to avoid succumbing to misleading teachings is to keep God's purpose and plan, the Gospel, at the forefront of our minds. Romans 5 shows us that "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." If a teacher's message does not affirm and hold central God's ultimate plan, then we can be wary of what he says.

Finally, in prayer we can offer our questions up to God daily, so that he can lead us in the ways we should go, knowing that our God will answer and support our desire to walk according to his ways and truth.

Faith In Action

What better way to know God's truth than to study his word and pray to him daily. Write a short prayer to recite every day for the rest of this week asking the Lord to reveal himself and build your defenses against false teachers.

Today's Prayer

Lord, help us to be eager to know you and excited to study your word. We forget how much we need you daily. Fill us with the longing to talk to you every morning. Rejuvenate our spirits and put your joy in our hearts.