

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Confronting False Teachers

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Scripture: **Acts 13:4-12**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

OVERVIEW

False teachers might profess to be believers and “speak” the Word of God, but their aim is selfish and sinful gain. They do not share the gospel and make disciples to the glory of God. Why would anyone who claims to be a believer doing the Lord’s work want to separate other believers from Jesus? How are we as believers called to deal with and react to false teachers? First, this must be understood: that **false teachers work to create distance between believers and Jesus.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

2 Peter 2:1; 2 Peter 2:2; Jude 4; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; Jude 18-21; 2 Timothy 4:3-4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What type of “magician” was Bar-Jesus? Describe his aim; what was he doing and why?
2. How did Paul respond to what Bar-Jesus was doing? Why was Paul so passionate? What was the core issue?
3. Considering the 5 types of false teachers Pastor Joe mentioned, why do false teachers do what they do? [*the Classic Heretic; the Spiritual Abuser; the Con-Man; the Controversialist; the People Pleaser*]
4. Of these 5 types of false teachers, is there one type more common than others? Which is easier to identify? Which is easily overlooked/missed?
5. What are some ways that we, as believers, should react and deal with false teachers? [*value & know the truth; champion the gospel; warn people; be discerning; be humble, serious, and stay close to Jesus*]
6. Henry just started to visit Redeemer, He decides to visit your community group. During introductions he mentions that he heads a small ministry that has a social media platform and invites the group to visit his profile. When you do, you notice that he wants people to give to his ministry because God will then bless the donors—“God will always give more to those that donate.” Henry then returns to community group the following week. How should you respond to Henry? How should you prepare your own heart before speaking up Henry? [*leaders, refer to Question #4 for ideas and direction*]
7. What else from the sermon stood out to you?