

August 14th, 2016 Message Discussion Questions

1. Check in Question: fair week! share your favorite fair food/activity!
2. Review the main ideas of the message together:
 - What do you remember?
 - What stood out to you?
3. We've talked quite a bit the last few Sundays about false teachers – talk to the group a little bit just about the “teachers” in your life (true or false), as well as those who would consider you a “teacher.”
 - (Helps to get some context into the conversation)
 - How do we become better “teachers” of those around us?
4. Read 1 John 4.1-6 as a group.
 - What observations did you make?
 - What does this tell us about God? About us?
 - What light does this shed on 2 Peter 2.11-22?
5. Read Colossians 2.6-15 as a group.
 - What observations did you make?
 - What does this tell us about God? About us?
 - What light does this shed on false teaching and how to respond?
6. Read Numbers 22 (Balaam and his donkey)
 - How does this help you understand 2 Peter 2.11-22?
 - In what ways do people today forsake God's way for the wages of wickedness?
 - Maybe even in your own life?
7. We talked on Sunday about how “false messages” draw on 2 human desires: the desire to work/achieve, and the desire for fulfillment through freedom.
 - Do you see this in the world today? In what ways?
 - Do you see this in the church today? How so?
8. Seeing the destructive end of false teachers gives us a renewed sense of the importance of understanding the true Gospel message. As a group help each other to articulate that message out loud. Can you explain it to others?
9. Pray for one another before you go.