

## SERMON STUDY NOTES

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### 2 Peter study 6 "Watch out for False Teachers" 2 Peter 2:1-22

1. Have you ever known a really nice mellow older man who suddenly became so passionate about something that his face turned red, his voice became loud, his anger bubbled to the surface and you saw another side of him?
2. 2 Peter 2, brings a significant change in Peter's approach. Chapter one is mainly an encouragement to utilise God's power to lead godly, loving lives. Chapter two is mainly a warning against the coming judgement and punishment. *Do you think that both of these educational methods have their place?*
3. Peter tells us that just as false prophets were messing up Christians back then, there would be false teachers messing up Christians today. *Why are so few leaders providing warnings against this sort of thing today?*

4. They introduce destructive heresies: Some taught that God forgives anything: so you can do whatever you please and God will forgive you. Others say that the Bible accepts certain behaviour when it doesn't and "they bring the truth into disrepute". *What words or actions of church leaders discredit the name of Christ?*
5. There is also a danger in wrongly criticising another person's ministry. Mark 3 warns of the danger of attributing the works of the Holy Spirit to the devil. *Discuss*
6. Some people make up or exaggerate religious stories v4 - miracles, visions, angels, demons, dreams & revelations – to make themselves look more spiritual. *Have you ever seen or heard of this type of behaviour?*
7. The God who sent angels to hell, flooded the world and burned down two cities because of sin is the same God who is going to judge those who teach heresy and sinful behaviour. Leaders have the words of eternal life and must take them seriously. *To what extent does this happen today?*
8. Lot "was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard."(2:8). Does the sin you see around you attract you or repel you? Your attitude to this is a clear reflection of which team we're on. *Discuss*
9. Evil teachers think they are superior 2:10-12, they seek personal pleasure, are out for themselves and take sinful advantage of others (2:17-19). *Discuss*

10. These people may repent for a short time but they keep returning to their old selfish and manipulative ways—“like a dog returns to vomit and like a cleaned up pig that rolls back in the mud”. *Should these people be reinstated in ministry after they have fallen?*

Pray for each other and for people who are experiencing these