

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## CHARACTERISTICS OF FALSE TEACHERS

2 PETER 2:10-16

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1. Why is it important to identify false teachers?
2. As it relates to recognizing false teachers, in what ways can we avoid cultivating a culture of suspicion (thinking everything is false teaching and everyone is a false teacher) while also avoid complacency?
3. See Acts 17:11 (receive the Word with "eagerness" while also examining everything that's said through the Scriptures)
4. Which of the three ways to recognize false teachers (listen to their words; watch their conduct; observe what their heart seeks) is most helpful and why? Which is most challenging and why?
5. In reviewing the three most common false teaching gateways (teaching that suits one's own desires; teaching that overreacts to error; teaching that makes Christianity more palatable), which of the three do you tend to gravitate towards and why?
6. The reality of false teachers in the Church can be discouraging. In what ways does knowing Jesus is our Good and Perfect Teacher and Savior bring encouragement?