



Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Contend

Passage: Jude 3-4 NIV

Intro -

1. What are the dangers of confronting false teaching? What are the dangers in not confronting it?
2. How comfortable are you with the idea of confronting false teaching in the church? Do you cringe when a pastor does it? What makes you cringe? Or are you excited when a pastor does it? If so, why?
3. How do you tell if a false teacher is false?

Sermon Points -

1. Confronting False Teaching is Sad
 - a. There are those in the Christian church today who have “discernment” ministries where they highlight the teaching of popular Christian teachers and critique them regarding how “true” they are to Scripture.
 - i. Is this a good thing or not? Why or why not?
 - ii. How can it go awry?
 - iii. Is this the role of bloggers and podcasters? Why or why not?
 - b. Think of a time when you heard another Christian espouse something doctrinally false or espouse living in a way that is contrary to Scripture. Did you interact with them? If so, how did you do it? If not, why not?
2. Confronting False Teaching is Necessary
 - a. How do you decide between false teaching and merely faulty teaching? Is there a difference? Should you engage these things differently?
 - b. What, in your opinion, are the most dangerous false teachings facing the church today?
 - c. When engaging with false teaching, should you name the names of those doing it or just engage with the teaching itself?
 - i. How does the fact that Paul names names in 1 Timothy 1:20 and 2 Timothy 2:17 influence your answer?
 - ii. If you think names should be named publicly, is there ever a time where that should be avoided?



3. Confronting False Teaching is Expected

- a. How “discerning” are you when you listen to a sermon or Christian podcast? What makes you more discerning? What makes you less discerning?
- b. If you expected there to be false teachers in the church, how would that change your posture toward the sermons you hear?

4. Confronting False Teaching is Hard

- a. Why is it that we think we know celebrity preachers and defend them when others are critical of them? How do you decide if you should listen to a criticism about a pastor or preacher you have come to like?
- b. Does it matter more if a person denies the Gospel by what they teach or by how they live? Why?
 - i. Which of these were the false teachers described in this passage guilty of?
 - ii. Which of these is Jesus focused on in Matthew 7:21-25?
- c. How does 2 Timothy 2:25-26 affect the way we should pray for those teaching falsely in the church?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - Jude 24-25 NIV

"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."