



Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Six Characteristics of False Teachers

Passage: Jude 5-13 NIV

Intro -

1. What do false teachers have in common? What characteristics would you use to describe them?

Sermon Points -

1. False Teachers Abandon God's Word and Ways (Jude 5-7)
 - a. How important is it for those who profess faith in Jesus to continue believing in him until they die?
 - i. What's at stake if they turn away?
 - ii. What was at stake for Israel when they turned away from God's Word, refusing to enter the Promised Land?
 - b. Does the danger in falling away from belief in Jesus frighten you? Why or why not? How should we respond to a warning like what's in Jude 5?
 - c. What's the point in the three stories that Jude puts together in verses 5-7? What is he trying to emphasize?
2. False Teachers Justify Their Actions by Their Dreams (Jude 8)
 - a. Do you believe that God gives people dreams and visions today? Why or why not?
 - i. Do they happen frequently?
 - ii. What authority do those dreams have?
 - iii. Do they have the same authority as Scripture? Why or why not?
 - b. When a teacher tells you to believe a certain thing or follow him because of a dream he had, what is your normal response? What should your response be?
3. False Teachers Arrogantly Overestimate Their Authority (Jude 9-10)
 - a. In what ways do pastors and Christian leaders draw attention away from Jesus and place it on themselves? Is this a problem in the church today? Where have you seen it happen?
 - b. What should our approach be to Satan? Should we cower before him or talk belligerently to him or do something in between?



4. False Teachers are Doomed and Lead Others to that Doom (Jude 11)
 - a. What was Balaam's error (Numbers 22-24)?
 - b. What was Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16)?
 - c. Do you think that God will judge only false teachers for their false teaching or will he judge those who follow the false teaching as well? Why or why not?
 - i. Does God have a special grace on those who are deceived, cutting them more slack than those who are doing the deceiving?
5. False Teachers are Frustratingly Not What They Seem (Jude 12)
 - a. Describe a time when you followed the advice or teaching of someone who was promising great results, but their promises never materialized. How did you come to your senses in that situation?
 - b. Why are we drawn to following false teachers? What about their messages makes us willing to follow after them?
 - c. Does it concern you that false teachers are often hiding in plain sight in the church (they are "eating with you without the slightest qualm")?
6. False Teachers are Untrustworthy Guides (Jude 13)
 - a. Why does Jude call the false teachers "wandering stars"?
 - b. If you follow a false teacher, where will it lead ultimately?
 - c. How can you protect yourself from falling prey to false teaching?

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 - 1 Timothy 1:17 NIV

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."