

Living Hope

Week 18 – False Teacher Tirade

Transition: In last week's text, Peter emphasized that the Apostles did not follow myths but were eyewitnesses of Jesus' glory. He urged believers to pay attention to the Scriptures as a light shining in a dark place and highlighted the origin of Scripture.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Peter warns against false teachers who introduce destructive heresies and exploit others with lies. Though these false teachers promise freedom, they are slaves to corruption.

Opening Questions:

- Have you ever encountered someone who seemed trustworthy but later proved to have bad intentions? How did you recognize the truth, and how did that experience shape your understanding of discernment?
- What traits make a teacher or leader trustworthy in your eyes?

Scripture/Storying: 2 Peter 2:1-22

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- In what ways do you think false teachers subtly spread "destructive heresies" today? What might that look like in modern society or even in churches?
- In verse three, Peter says, "in their greed they will exploit you with false words." In what ways have you seen religious platforms used for selfish gain? How did it impact you personally?
- What are your thoughts on Peter's harsh tone in this chapter? Do you feel the church today tends to be too lenient or too harsh when addressing deception? Explain why. How might Peter's harshness actually be a form of love?
- In verse 14, Peter shares that these false teachers "entice unsteady souls." What classifies an unsteady soul? Elaborate on how discipleship helps shape a person into a steady soul.
- In verse 19 Peter says that these false teachers promise freedom while being slaves of corruption. Where do you see counterfeit versions of freedom being promoted in our society? In what ways have you or people you know been harmed by false forms of freedom? How did you or they overcome that?

Prayer time: - Jonathan Mathews (The Southern Cone Initiative, Brazil)

- Pray for the 40 pastors recently trained in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. May they faithfully apply what they've learned for God's glory!
- Pray for the 30 ministry leaders being trained in Brazil this week, that it would be a fruitful time leading to lasting discipleship.
- Pray for the upcoming church planter assessment as they assess 10 potential candidate couples.