

# Grace Group Discussion Guide

## Exposing False Teachers pt. 1

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Titus 1:10–14

### Synopsis:

The quality of being above reproach is demonstrated in 3 areas of a man's life:

1. Home and Family life
2. His Personal Character
3. His Skill with the Word of God
  - a. His Personal Devotion
  - b. His Pastoral Duty.
  - c. His Pastoral Determination of the Word of God

4 Timeless Principles in responding to false teachers:

1. Recognize
2. Restrain
3. Rebuke
4. Reveal

### Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?

Discussion:

1. How does the book of Titus describe how to recognize False Teachers? (Consider v.10)
2. Read Matthew 7:15–16. What does it look like for a man to be insubordinate?
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:16–18, 1 Timothy 6:3–5, and Titus 3:9. How is empty talk described? What examples can you think of when you have witnessed an empty talker?
4. What does it look like for the elders of the church to restrain false teachers?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:5, what are false teachers often motivated by?
6. How are elders to rebuke false teachers? For what purpose?
7. Read Colossians 2:20–23 and 2 Timothy 4:3–4. False teachers are often accompanied by extra biblical manmade rules, what are some examples of extra biblical teachings?
8. What must be our response when we hear teaching that is not consistent with sound doctrine?
9. Considering the danger of False Teachers to the church, how important is it that members of the church become students of the word of God?
10. What is at stake if elders of the church do not expose false teachers?

### Prayer Suggestion:

Message from John Paul and Sarah Stepanian

Dear Church Family,

*Exactly six years ago you were rallying around our family and preparing to launch us out from GCV onto the mission field. Since July of 2019 we have loved the privilege and joy of serving Jesus in Kubamitwe, Uganda! Thank you for sending us! GCV is our home sending church and we love you so much. We only have thee supporting churches and GCV is the main one. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness, love, and care through you for all these years. Currently, JP is teaching 3 classes in Term 1 at the Shepherds Training College, while also taking his own PhD class and loving it. He leads a men's discipleship group every week, and serves as an elder in our local church. We recently just finished teaching a class on biblical parenting together with 4 young families in our church. We praise the Lord for so many opportunities to teach and teach and teach the Bible! Sarah is absolutely loving the expanding Shepherds Wives program and all the opportunities she gets to open the Word with women in and out of our home. Our family is doing very well! All 12 kids are busy studying, serving, singing, gardening, and growing! Our table is always full and you are always welcome! Come and visit! Love, JP & Sarah*

#### Prayer Request

- That God would send laborers because the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.
- That God would save our children from eternal destruction.
- For Sarah Stepanian to have strength, grace, and endurance in opening up her home for various ministry events, for bible studies and for discipleship.
- For GCV to see prayer as a priority of importance in supporting them as missionaries in Uganda
- Pray for Team Uganda as they prepare to be in the country in May for a youth Bible Conference!