

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Exposing False Teachers pt. 1

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Titus 1:15-16

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
 - a. In their Internal Corruption
 - b. In their external conduct

Questions:

Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 15:11, 20. What is it that defiles a person? How then can one discern or recognize a false teacher?
2. Read John 18:28, how does this passage show the corruption and hypocrisy of the Pharisees?
3. If false teachers know the Bible and can teach the Bible, how are we to discern the difference between a true and false teacher?
4. How do we handle false teachers that are creeping into the church? Why?
5. What is the correlation between good works and a true teacher of the bible? Read Matthew 7:15-20.
6. False teachers deny God by their works. Scott said, "it is his walk & not his talk that reveals his person." What would be some examples of this?
7. False teachers are those who replace the true God with fake worship? In what ways are we prone to doing the same?
8. What is the importance of being equipped to recognise false teachers? What is at stake?
9. When you think of the role of an elder, what in Titus 1 has been clarifying for you?
10. Many people are more discerning when it comes to discerning the skill of a medical practitioner but far less discerning when it comes to discerning what preachers to listen to. Why is this?

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!