



Connection Group Participant Guide
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2 Peter 2

Memory Verse

Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment – 2 Peter 2:9

Key Principles

One of the themes of Peter's second epistle is "beware of false teachers", and such is the focus of the second chapter. Just as there were false prophets in Old Testament times, so there would be false teachers. Peter first describes the destructiveness of false teachers. Denying the Lord who bought them, they will secretly introduce destructive heresies. Many will follow them, and the way of truth will be blasphemed. But they will bring swift destruction on themselves (1-3). When false teachers begin to whisper their sweet words into the ears of immature Christians, the body of Christ begins to break apart, to lose what makes it distinctive in the first place—faith in the unique person and work of Jesus Christ.

Highlight

What seems to be the motivation of false teachers in the church? (v. 3)

Explain

In 2:1, what exactly does “destructive heresies” and “swift destruction” mean?

Apply

When are you most tempted to return to some sinful activity or attitude? Why?

Respond in Prayer

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Talk with God about any struggles you may have in discerning the teachings of false teachers from true biblical doctrine.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God for revealing Himself to you in His Word.
- Supplication: Ask God for wisdom and understanding of biblical doctrine.