# Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship, Personal Study, and Small Groups 07/10/2022

A Study of 2 Peter: “Truth in a Time of Confusion”

**Sermon Title:** “Avoiding False Teachers”

**Passage:** 2 Peter 2:17-22

**Context:** Peter is writing to scattered, suffering Christians who are now facing internal dangers within the church, primarily false teaching about the doctrine and life of Christianity. 2 Peter is a stern and urgent warning to guard the church against anything or anyone that would lead them astray. The Apostle confronts several issues that are just a current today as they were then: easy believism, relativism and wrong thinking about God, false teachers and worldly influencers, intellectual skeptics, and apathetic living. To stand firm during confusion, 2 Peter encourages and commands us to grow in the true knowledge of God in Christ Jesus.

**Main Idea:** *“Christians must take the danger of false teachers seriously and warn others who are following their ministries.”*

**Main Points:**

I. False teachers give false hope to new Christians. (2:17)

Ref. Jude 12-13; Psalm 63:1; Matthew 8:19-20

II. False teachers will often influence struggling Christians to keep sinning. (2:18-19)

 Ref. John 8:34-36; Galatians 5:13

III. False teachers can lead others down the same destructive path they have gone. (2:20-22)

 Ref. Matthew 12:43-45; 1 John 2:19; Galatians 6:9; 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Timothy 4:16

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?