

Sermon Discussion

Luke 14:1-6 • Peter LaRuffa • 9/25/22

Conversation starter: Reflecting on this past week, what “teaching/belief/opinions, etc” have you heard from our culture that is contrary to God’s Word?

Outline

- I. You need to take false teaching as seriously as God does!
 - A. The Bible contains vivid and powerful language in reference to false teachers
 - B. You don’t need to “hunt” for false teachers, but you better know one when you see one
- 3 Ways to Recognize A False Teacher**
 - 1. False teachers won’t speak the truth about Jesus (or will avoid Him all together)
 - 2. False teachers will preach a different Gospel than the one found in the Bible
 - 3. False teachers will not grow in Christ-like character
- II. You need to know the best way to spot a counterfeit is to study the real thing—Jesus and His Word!

Sermon Discussion:

- 1. Is there a way that false teaching has impacted your life practically?
- 2. What false teaching is represented in the passage? What was that leading the Pharisees to do?
- 3. Which of the 3 ways to recognize a false teacher do you think you need to understand more thoroughly?
- 4. Why do you think Jesus responded to the Pharisee’s silence by asking about a “son or an ox”?
- 5. How does exposing what you really love expose what you really believe?
- 6. How does your Community Group help you sharpen what you believe?
- 7. Reread 2 Timothy 2:15. How do you need to grow in “rightly handling the word of truth”? How can you become more familiar with the “real thing”?
- 8. Do you need to guard against arguing/picking fights about false teaching, or are you more inclined to just keep quiet/ignore?
- 9. When you hear something that doesn’t ring true to scripture, how could you lovingly respond?

Prayer Focus

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15