

NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

PETER

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources

**questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 19 • 2 Peter 2

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **2 Peter 1** has been helpful to you?

2. According to **V1-3**...in your own words:

– Give a description of false teachers.

– What is the harm they cause?

3. **V4-8** give three examples of judgment; what happened:

– to the angels that sinned?

– to the ancient world?

– to Sodom and Gomorrah?

How are these examples of past judgment related to the topic of false teachers in **V1-3**?

4. Who did God rescue out of this judgment and destruction?

5. Recall a time when you experienced God's rescuing or protection in your own life or witnessed it in others.

6. Write down words or phrases you find in the following verses that further describe false teachers:

V10 _____

V12 _____

V13 _____

V14 _____

V18 _____

V19 _____

Think about celebrities, politicians, and people you may know (without naming names) who have these characteristics. How have their words or teaching influenced you or the world around you?

7. In **V15** the false prophets and teachers are said to "follow the way of Balaam son of Beor." After reading Numbers 22:1-7, Deuteronomy 23:3-5 and Revelation 2:14, what do you think was Balaam's sin?

- Why do you think "greed" is used to describe false teachers in **V3** and **V14**?
(see also 1 Corinthians 2:17)

8. What happens to false teachers? Write down key words or phrases you find in the following verses:

V1 _____

V3 _____

V9 _____

V12 _____

V13 _____

V17 _____

9. How are false teachers described who once had “knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ” according to V20–22?

10. Why do you think Peter describes false teachers in such depth?

11. Read V19 and identify a time when you may have been drawn in by false teaching or felt “mastered” or “enslaved” by it.

– How were you were set free?

12. What is God’s command and warning to us regarding false teachers? See Matthew 10:16 and Romans 16:17–19 for more insight.

13. How might Peter’s warnings of false teachers cause you to pray differently? Begin to formulate a prayer request for this week incorporating 2 Peter 2.

