

Small Group Discussion Guide

Perilous Waters | *Navigating the Dangerous Currents Shaping the Church*

Part 2: Deconstruction Without Rebuilding

BIG Idea: Tearing down faith without rebuilding it leaves believers unformed, not free.

Application: Examine whether your questions are leading you toward a more faithful understanding of Christ or quietly teaching you that nothing can ever be trusted.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: When you're unsure about something important, who is the first person you usually talk to (and why)?

1. The sermon makes an important distinction between having questions and abandoning the authority of Scripture. When has asking an honest question actually helped your faith grow?
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4. Why do you think we are naturally attracted to people who tell us what we already want to hear? What are some practical ways we can recognize that tendency in ourselves?
3. Read Jude 12-13. Jude describes false teaching as a "dangerous reef" capable of shipwrecking people. What might a "hidden reef" look like in our lives today?
4. Read Jude 20-23. Jude tells believers to build one another up, pray in the Holy Spirit, remain rooted in God's love, and show mercy to those who doubt. Which of those do you think Christians do well? Which one could we do better?
5. The sermon gives us this statement: "People need mercy. Ideas deserve examination. Wrong ideas require demolition." How can we seriously challenge a harmful or false idea without treating the person who believes it as our enemy?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. What kinds of thoughts, assumptions, fears, or repeated messages can become "strongholds" in someone's mind? Practically speaking, what might it look like to "take a thought captive" and make it obedient to Christ?
7. When you encounter something about Christianity or the Bible that you don't understand or that bothers you, where do you normally go first for answers? What could it look like to intentionally begin with Scripture, prayer, the Holy Spirit, and mature believers?
8. How can we tell the difference between a healthy question that is helping us grow and a question that is slowly pulling us away from trust in Christ?
9. Jude tells believers to "build each other up" in the faith. What are some practical ways a LifeGroup can help someone who is wrestling with doubt or confusion?
10. What voices have the most influence on the way you think about God – Scripture, friends, social media, podcasts, pastors, personal experience, or something else? How can we make sure those voices are being tested against God's Word?

Prayer Prompt: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any false beliefs, assumptions, or strongholds that need to be torn down. Pray for a deeper confidence in God's Word and God's character. Ask God to make your LifeGroup a place where questions can be brought into the light, truth can be pursued without fear, and people whose faith is wavering will encounter patience, mercy, encouragement, and love.

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