

FINDING FALSE TEACHING IN THE FLOCK

(Matthew 7:15; Jude)

Satan promotes false teachers in the church in order to destroy right doctrine, discipleship, and evangelism. It is critical that we guard against false teaching and hold to the truth of God's Word.

I. HOW TO SPOT A FALSE TEACHER: 5 BIBLICAL MARKS (vv. 3;6-7)

1. They twist Scripture.
2. They serve themselves.
3. They avoid sound doctrine
4. Their fruit is rotten
5. They deny core truths of the Gospel

II. HOW TO RESPOND TO FALSE TEACHERS

1. Mark and avoid them.
2. Hold to sound doctrine
3. Correct with truth when possible
4. Keep watch over yourself and the church.

This week, commit to spending time in God's Word every day. Ask these questions whenever you hear a sermon, podcast, book, or online teacher:

- Does this accurately teach Scripture?
- Does it exalt Christ?
- Does it agree with the whole counsel of God?
- Does the teacher's life reflect biblical character?
- Does this produce greater obedience to Christ?