



Don't Change God's Word

Lesson Summary

Last week we looked at the New Testament and how God used eyewitnesses like the Apostle John to record the Gospels, and how Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would remind them of the things he said.

There are many warnings in the Bible against trying to change God's Word, and there are serious consequences for anyone who messes with it.

Today, as throughout church history, many false religions and false prophets or teachers teach lies about God and Jesus. Even some who claim to be Christians (or even pastors) are false teachers, teaching things contrary to the Scriptures. We must be on guard. The Bible is the only Word of God, and it must be our final and absolute authority.

It is important for you to know what God's Word says. That way you will realize when someone is trying to trick you by adding something to it. You can be like the Bereans in the book of Acts who listened to the teachers and then studied the Bible to be sure that what they were taught was true.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Deuteronomy 18:20–22

1. How did God tell the Israelites to test whether a prophet was a true one or a false one?

Acts 17:10–11

2. Why were those in Berea called “more noble” than those in Thessalonica?
3. How often did they search the Scriptures?

Galatians 1:6–9

4. Is there another gospel of Christ?
5. What did the Apostle Paul wish upon a man (or an angel!) who would preach any other gospel? What does this tell you about how God views false prophets or teachers?

Acts 20:28–31

6. What did the Apostle Paul warn the Ephesian elders about?
7. What will be the goals of these false teachers?

2 Peter 2:1–3

8. What are some destructive heresies being taught in the church today?
9. How many will follow these false teachers? And what will be the outcome for the church's reputation?

Matthew 7:15–20

10. What does Jesus warn about in this passage?
11. How are we to tell real prophets from false prophets? What are some examples of good fruit and bad fruit (see Galatians 5:19–24)?

1 John 4:1–6

12. What are we commanded to do in verse 1? How can we do that?

13. How can we distinguish the Spirit of God from false spirits?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Prayer

Thank God for his all-sufficient Word. Ask him to help you discern truth from error and to recognize false teaching, whether coming from outside the church or from inside. Thank him for his Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth.

Family Prayer Requests: