

STUDY GUIDE: REMEMBER

“Fake News” (2 Peter 2:1-22)”

Discussion Starters

1. What do you think of when you hear the phrase “fake news”?
2. Give an example of “fake news” you have heard.

Study: To prepare for this study, read through 2 Peter chapter 2. (You may want to choose a different translation than you have been using, as long as it is not a paraphrase.)

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASB, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASB—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“prophet” (2:1)—(NOTE: avoid the temptation to answer based on tradition).

--“heresies” (2:1)—

--“sensuality” (2:2)—

--“preacher” (2:5)—

--“ungodly” (2:6)—

--“defilements” (2:20)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you to better understand this passage. (HINT: If you are getting nothing more than a synonym for the definition, you need to dig a bit deeper.)

5. What motivates false prophets? Do you think they know they are false? Explain.

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6. What do we know about Balaam (2:15)? Please cite your source(s).
7. What does vs. 14 tell us about the progression of sin in our lives?
8. Summarize this passage in the space below:

Taking It Home

9. What does the fact that God knows how to rescue us from temptation mean in your life?
10. Vs. 19 tells us that what overcomes us enslaves us. What threatens to overcome you?
11. Which teachers/preachers should you listen to? Which ones should you not? Why?
12. Vs. 22 refers to a dog returning to its vomit. What “vomit” in your life are you tempted to return to? How do you avoid doing so?