Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

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Most people don't wake up one day and decide to walk away from God. Often, compromise begins much earlier, when we start wanting something more than we want to obey Him. In 2 Peter 2:10–17, Peter warns the church about false teachers who pursue their own desires, love the reward of wrongdoing, and lead others away from faithfulness. Read 2 Peter 2:10-17, discuss these questions and other scriptures together, and may we allow God to shape and mold us more and more into His image!

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Read: II Peter 2:10–13; Matthew 6:24; Romans 12:1–2. Peter describes people who reject authority and pursue what they want rather than submitting to God. Jesus teaches that we cannot serve two masters. Why is it possible to know God's Word, attend church, and even serve in ministry while still allowing our desires to direct our lives?
2. What are some signs that something other than Jesus is becoming our master?
3. Read: II Peter 2:15; Philippians 3:7–8; Hebrews 11:24–26; I Timothy 6:6–10. The problem with Balaam was not simply that he wanted money; it was that he valued personal gain more than faithfulness to God. Why can temporary rewards feel more compelling than the lasting joy of walking with Christ? How does the example of Jesus, who humbled Himself and obeyed the Father even to death, reshape our understanding of what is truly valuable?
4. Read: II Peter 2:12–14; Romans 6:11–14; Galatians 5:16–25; I John 1:8–9. Peter describes people who are not merely struggling with sin but are indulging in it and enticing others toward it. What is the difference between honestly struggling against sin and making peace with it?
5. How can the gospel give us both the humility to confess our failures and the courage to turn away from them?
6. Read: II Peter 2:14, 17; Matthew 5:13–16; Hebrews 10:24–25; Galatians 6:1–2. Every follower of Jesus has influence through what they model, celebrate, excuse, and encourage. How might our compromises affect people who look to us for guidance? What does it look like to use our influence to help others follow Jesus rather than make disobedience seem acceptable?
7. Read: II Peter 2:15–17; John 15:4–5; II Timothy 3:16–17; I Corinthians 10:12–13. Balaam's story warns us that knowing something about God does not automatically produce a faithful life. We need more than good intentions or willpower; we need to abide in Christ, be shaped by Scripture, and depend on the Holy Spirit. How do God's Word and the gospel expose the lies behind temptation? What does it practically mean to depend on Jesus rather than simply trying harder to be a good person?
8. What habits help you remain rooted in Christ when temptation comes—prayer, Scripture, confession, worship, or accountability with other believers?
9. Which of these needs greater attention in your life, and who could help you grow in it?