Discussion guide for: "The High Cost of Error" (Faith that Doesn't Quit session #5)



Opening up

Can recall a "Stern Warning" you received as a child? Did it help you in life?

Observing the scriptures

Read 2 Peter 2:12-2

List some of the ways Peter describes false teachers, why does he use such strong language?

As you think of a time you were deceived by someone, what were some of the factors that led to your being entrapped?

Review the list of "Rules for Truth Detection"

- 1. If the teaching doesn't "seem right" watch out.
- 2. If the teacher doesn't seem sincere watch out.
- 3. If there is a minimum amount of Bible and a maximum amount of conjecture watch out.
- 4. If there isn't a chapter and verse watch out.
- 5. If teaching elevates man rather than God watch out.
- 6. If there is a "hidden meaning" watch out.
- 7. If the teaching leans toward extreme freedom in behavior watch out.
- 8. If the teaching leans toward extreme legalism in behavior watch out.
- 9. If the teaching mars the doctrine of Christ watch out.

Which of these rules do you think are particularly practical and why?

How can you express your commitment to the truth?