

# WHEN CHRISTIANITY GETS TWISTED

## LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

### Meeting THEME: When the church gets hacked

**Prepare** yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. Read II Peter 1 and 2

**20.00 – 20.10 Start** Have you ever been deceived by someone? Besides of the consequences you may feel ashamed that it could happen to you. Anyone who wants/dares to share? (That would be courageous!)

**20.10 – 20.15 Pray**. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and build you up when you listen to God's Word

Last time we learnt that the Bible contains everything to navigate us through life. Therefore, we don't need new clever, new ministries with new interpretations – disconnected from historic, apostolic Christian faith. What we need is a reminding ministry, proclaiming a reliable message, leading to rewarding meditation. This time Peter will answer the question of his readers: but concerning many topics there seem to be many interpretations – should we bother about that? Peter then answers: yes, we should, because not all interpretations of Scripture are good.

**20.15 – 20.40 Bible passage:** Read II Peter 2

The big idea of this passage is: We should bother about different interpretations and teachings, because there is true biblical teaching, but also look-a-like teaching, which is false and following it leads to condemnation – therefore the passage helps us detect such teaching.

**Look again at verses 1-3**      **'There is look-a-like teaching, which is false'**

- What do you know about the false prophets in the Old Testament?
- Take some time to look at these verses. What strikes you?

**Look again at verses 4-10**      **'False teaching and following it, leads to condemnation'**

To understand these verses, observe that it in fact is one long phrase, explaining that condemnation will follow false teaching, though you might not be able to imagine. However, at the climax of this long verse there is a promise. For if, if, if and if – then the Lord knows how to rescue ... and to keep...

- When men sinned, there were also men saved. When angels sinned, we don't read that angels were saved. Why not?
- Read Genesis 13:10 and 13. What do you learn from these verses?
- Which comfort do these verses contain? And which warning?

**Look again at verses 10-22**      **'Stand against false, destructive teaching, by detecting it'**

- Look again at all these verses. What characterises the false teachers? (Now don't look at your Bible anymore, which things can you remember?)
- How and where do you see that false teaching today enters and hacks the church? What should we do about it?

**20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper**

Is there something that you have learnt tonight? Maybe it was new to you. Or it was not new, but now you see all the more how important it is. Take some minutes in silence, for meditation and personal prayer. Share and end the meeting with prayer.

**20.50 – 21.00 End** the Life Group meeting with praying together.