

Review Questions  
Sunday, February 19, 2012

*Luke 6:39-49 False Teachers*

1. Who is an Old Testament example of one who deceived his hearers, taking their hearts, not realizing their hearts belong to God?  
[Absalom; see 2 Sam. 15:1-6]
2. In Jer. 5:30-31, what was a characteristic of the false teachers and how did the people respond?  
[the priests rule on their own authority; the people love it so]
3. What false teaching was the book of 1 John written to refute? 2 Thessalonians? 2 Corinthians?  
[1 John: false teaching: Gnosticism, which taught that the immaterial is good while the material is evil; thus it denies the incarnation (that Christ came in the flesh). Note how this is refuted in 1 John 1:1-4.  
2 Thessalonians: false teaching: that Christ had already returned; see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4.  
2 Corinthians: false teaching: accusation that questioned Paul's apostleship; see 2 Cor. 3:1-6]
4. One characteristic of false teachers is that they do not know truly know God, therefore they do not fear Him. Why do they not know Him?  
[they have a wrong view of God because of the image of the god that they have made up]
5. How are we false teachers to ourselves?  
[we become our own false teachers as we justify our sin and forget who God is]
6. According to Luke 6:41-42, what is another characteristic of false teachers?  
[they are hypocrites]
7. According to verse 45 what will be evident by their words?
8. Rather than glorifying God they glorify themselves. Can we do this? How?  
[This is in effect what we do when we design a god to make us feel the way we want.]
9. How can we avoid false teaching and false teachers?
  1. count the cost; see Luke 14:26-33  
(Does your knowledge of God lead you to see this dominance of love for Him?)
  2. study and know the Scriptures  
(context and original intent are critical)
  3. study and know Church history
  4. study and know theology  
(why do I believe what I believe?)

For Further Consideration:

1. What does it say about my view of God when I fear my problems more than I fear God?  
[I have subtly set up a god based on how I want to be treated, or how I want to feel, which is not the God of the Bible]

2. Why do I, as a believer, sin?

[At that moment I have compromised my belief in who God really is.]