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Fake Faith

2 Peter 2:10-16

Some of God's harshest words are against church leaders who mock spiritual things, have no respect for any authority, and who live their lives as if _____

Discussion 1. Why is a church leader's disregard for authority a problem? What are the ramifications or consequences of it?

Fake faith is not evidenced by one outward thing; it is evidence by a host of bad fruit, including immorality, brash arrogance, irreverence, and spiritual ignorance. All of these follow from a _____ to _____.

Discussion 2. Why is it important to be able to identify a variety of "bad fruit" before concluding that someone is a false teacher or a fake Christian? In other words, why isn't immorality enough? Or bad theology?

Fake Christianity can almost always be measured by the _____ of the heart. If I have no desire to actually seek God's will and do it, if I am instead training myself to pursue what I want rather than what God wants for me, then I am not following Jesus.

Discussion 3. What might it look like for you to have a regular disciplined time with God to assess and review the actual desires of your heart to see if they line up with His will? What kind of difference might this make in a person's life?

Fake Christianity cannot be sustained for long. We can be assured that, in His perfect timing, God will bring a _____.

Discussion 4. Can you think of any examples of "course corrections" of false teachings or fake Christianity in your lifetime or in recent history? Why is it important for us to understand that God brings such course corrections in His timing?