Fake Faith, Pt. 2
2 Peter 2:17-22

False teachers and fake Christians may appear truthful or wise or even spiritual, but Christ followers should not be fooled by their intellect, their attractiveness nor their celebrity. They have _____ _____ to offer a Christ follower.

Discussion 1. Being able to separate spiritual truth from the intellect, "wisdom", and influence of a false teacher requires discernment. What kinds of things can you do to foster that kind of discernment in yourself?

An ongoing discipline for Christ followers is the searching of our hearts to distinguish cultural fruit from spiritual fruit. Over time, we should see growth in the spiritual and a freedom from our _____ _____ _____.

Discussion 2. As we examine our hearts for what we think and believe, how do we know whether it is the product of spiritual growth or merely of our culture? What kinds of regular spiritual disciplines help us know that?

To be so blinded by the world that one never experiences the freedom of the gospel is so very _____; but to taste that freedom and then turn away from it and return to participate in the brokenness of the world is _____.

Discussion 3. The difference between a Christian who sins and a Christian who has rejected God and returned to the ways of the world is the surrendered heart, i.e., what he/she wants in his/her heart. If that is true, how do you assess what is in your heart? And how often should you do so?

Choosing the ways and the wisdom of the world over scripture time and time again is evidence of a person _____ _____ in the _____. He/she may appear wise to the world, but not to the Christ follower.

Discussion 4. Can you think of any examples of the wisdom of the world being quite different from the wisdom of scripture? What kinds of spiritual disciplines in your life help you discern the difference?