

**Open Your Heart and Mind**

- Have you ever been snookered, hornswoggled, or hoodwinked by a false advertisement?
- What were the differences between your most and least effective teachers?

**Finding God in His Word** (Read Matthew 7:15-20)

- Why do you think false prophets/false teachers have been a constant problem among God's people in both the Old and New Testament; and today?
- Why is it significant that Jesus' warning about false prophets comes immediately after the discussion about the narrow and wide gates?
- Jesus says that false prophets come to us in "sheep's clothing." What disguises might they wear today?
- What are some popular false teachings being embraced by our culture today?
- How can we keep from becoming "witch hunters" as we seek to recognize false prophets? Acts 17:11
- Have you ever avoided questioning false teaching because it is what you wanted to hear? Give an example. Read 2 Timothy 4:3.
- Do your teachers encourage you to question their teachings, or do you feel intimidated when bringing up a topic that you may question?
- What doctrines are so crucial that error in them would result in being a false prophet/teacher?
- Review the three categories given for recognizing the fruit of false prophets. What would you add?
- Why is moral character and indication of a true teacher or a false teacher? How have you seen this play out in the Christian world?
- What is the best defense we can use in being able to discern false prophets and false teaching?

**Live the Christ Life**

1. Are there teachers you are listening to you need to look more deeply at the fruit being produced from their teaching?
2. How well do you know basic doctrines of the Christian faith? Would you be able to identify basic biblical teaching from false teaching? What might you do to strengthen your understanding of biblical teaching?