DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FALSE TEACHERS
Romans 16:17-20
Not Ashamed (Romans) – Week 44

ICEBREAKER: If you were on Noah's Ark, which two animals would you want to hang out with the most?

OVERVIEW: False teachers abound, and they are very dangerous. The air waves are flooded with people promoting every kind of falsehood, and often by people who have more access to our attention and are more articulate than teachers of sound doctrine. How can we protect ourselves, our families, and our church from this threat? In this discussion we will go deeper with Paul's warning about false teachers.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's sermon?)

2. What are some prominent false teachers or false teachings threatening Christians today?

3. Have you ever been deceived by a false teacher?

4. Do you have any friends who have been deceived by false teaching?

5. Read Matthew 7:15-20 and answer the following questions.
   a. Why are false teachers dangerous?
   b. How can you detect a false teacher?
   c. What is the fate of false teachers?
   d. What is the command in this passage, and how can you apply it to your life?

6. Read Romans 16:17-20 and answer the following questions. According to this passage, what makes false teachers so dangerous?

7. How does this passage help us to learn how to spot false teachers?

8. How does this passage say that false teachers are able to deceive people?

9. People are often deceived by false teachers because they are swayed by externals. What are examples of "externals" that often impress people, and what should we look for instead to avoid being deceived?

10. What actions do you need to take immediately to better protect yourself and your family from false teachers?

THE LAST WORD: "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your home, and do not greet him; for the one who greets him shares in his evil works." 2 John 10-11

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