

Weekly Study Guide

3/3/24

Read the following Bible verses:

“The prophets are prophesying lies in My name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds.” -Jeremiah 14:14

“For this reason God will send them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie.” -2 Thessalonians 2:11

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” -2 Timothy 4:2-4

“Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to quarrel about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like cancer.” -2 Timothy 2:14-17

Questions:

1. What do you think is meant by the word “delusions” as used above?
2. What are some the reasons for preaching of the Word of God?
3. What is sound doctrine? What does it mean to turn away from the truth?
4. What are some examples of “words to no profit?” Why is this so dangerous? Why is it so important that we study to show ourselves approved as one who rightly handles God’s Word? What happens when you mishandle Scripture?

For later: Prayerfully ask yourself if you are living your life consistent with what you truly believe. Do your words, actions, worship, beliefs all line up? Are you allowing God to use your life to point people to Jesus? Is there anything in your life that might hurt your testimony with others?

Bible Verses: [Jeremiah 15:19](#); [Jeremiah 14:11-14](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:3](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:7-12, 15](#); [1 Peter 5:2-3](#); [2 Timothy 4:1-5](#); [Jeremiah 23:28](#); [Isaiah 55:8-9](#); [Hebrews 4:12-13](#); [James 3:1](#); [Jeremiah 3:15](#); [2 Timothy 2:14-17](#)