**Msg. #3** (of 5) Memos from Heaven

## "GOD WARNS" –Beware of false teachers– 2 Peter 2:1-3; 10b-22

## Introduction:

I. When it comes to false teachers, God gives fair warning: vv. 1-3; 10b-22

A.He warns of their \_\_\_\_\_\_. vv. 1,13b "...there will be..." "while they feast with you."

*B.He warns of their* \_\_\_\_\_. *vv.* 2, 13-16; 18b-19

*C.He warns of their* \_\_\_\_\_. *vv.* 1, 3b, 10b, 18a

D.He warns of their \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 20-22

E.He warns of their coming \_\_\_\_\_, vv.1c, 3c, 12b-13a

(whereabouts/ways/words/weakness/woe)

## Questions for reflection or discussion based on the sermon, "God Warns," message #3 from the Memos from Heaven series:

**Getting started:** Read the text (2 Peter 2:1-3; 10b-22). Did God speak to you through the sermon? If so, what did He say?

**Content:** The main idea of this passage comes through in chapter 2:1 where we are warned that false teachers will be among God's people. Peter's warning concerns their whereabouts, their ways and their words, their weakness and their coming woes. Considering these things, answer the following questions:

- 1. How aware are you of the prevalence of false teachers in our day? Peter warns that false teachers will infiltrate the very ranks of God's people (Chapter 2:1). What is a common method or strategy that false teachers use to infiltrate the church? What is something all false teachers deny (v.1b)?
- 2. Have you been personally exposed to false teaching? How did God open your eyes to see that it was false—and what did you do about it?
- 3. In 2:13-16; 18b-19 describe some of the behaviors and ways of false teachers. Why do people sometimes dismiss these behaviors and not embrace the warning God gives to us when sitting under their teaching? Where have you observed the disaster that results from neglecting this kind of warning?
- 4. How does vv. 1, 3b, 10b, 18a help us to discern false teachers by their words? What specific words would reveal a false teacher according to these verses?
- 5. What does vv.20-22 reveal about the basic weakness that is found in the false teacher?
- 6. What does vv.1c, 3c, 12b-13a reveal about the future of false teachers?

**Wrapping up:** Take time to ask God to give discernment to His people regarding the teaching they may encounter that isn't truth. Pray for God to be glorified through the preaching and teaching of God's Word wherever God's people assemble.