

Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: Jeremiah and the Great Faithfulness of God—False Teachers and Prophets

Primary Text: Jeremiah 28

Expanded Reading: Deuteronomy 28

Big Idea: The true prophet/teacher knows both the Word of God and the Voice of

God. Jeremiah shows us how to tell the true from the false.

Review

What to you was the most significant teaching you recall from the message? What spoke to you?

In Focus Re-read the Primary Text

- 1) Jeremiah has spent his life listening to God's voice. When he hears Hananiah's prophecy, he is eager for it to be true, even though he has every reason to believe that it is false. What does this say about Jeremiah's character? Do you think Jeremiah's response has any impact on how we address false teachers in the Church today?
- 2) Have you ever encountered a false teacher in your Christian life? Of the three kinds outlined in the sermon, which kind was it? How did you know that the person was false?
- 3) Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 again. Where is a place in our present culture where people want their 'ears tickled'? Where is a place where **we** are tempted to have our ears tickled?
- 4) Mark 1:21-22 says that Jesus taught with authority. What do you think this means?
- 5) In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus tells us to take up his "yoke." What do you think this means?

Follow-up Did the sermon raise any questions you wished you could ask?

Can you locate any potential answers to those questions in Scripture?

Mission

The Bible commands us to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." How does our wisdom in approaching the word of God and the voice of God partner with our innocence, especially in matters of evangelism?

Imagine that you have a friend who is just getting introduced to Christianity, but their primary sources of Christian encounter are with someone you would consider to be a false teacher. What kind of conversation do you think you would have to bring them closer to a more genuine Christianity?

Next Week's Passage: The Judgment of God—Jeremiah 46:25-28