

# **ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)**

Group Life.

Peter was a godly and influential leader to the first-century Church. What do you think are the top two or three qualities found in a good leader?

OR

2 Peter 2 is all about the dangers facing the first-century Church. What do you think is the greatest danger to the Church today?

### **INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)**

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

Many view Peter as brash, uneducated and impulsive, rather than pastoral, theological and authoritative. Does this chapter change your view of Peter?

### INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read Matthew 13:24-30 and 2 Peter 2:1-10. How do these two passages relate to each other? What principles can we draw from these two passages that strengthen our faith and perspective?

Scan 2 Peter 2:1-22. What are some of the elements of the heresy that Peter is describing as coming from "false teachers"?

How does this list relate to the world in which we live today? Is there similar false teaching under the umbrella of Christianity today?

Read John 8:31-32 and Ephesians 4:21. In what ways can we demonstrate our belief that the Truth we need can only be found in Jesus? What is one Truth that has shaped your life which you learned through your relationship with Jesus?

#### **APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)**

Was there a takeaway from David's message that you are putting into practice this week?

Discuss what would have been Peter's reason for including this chapter into his letter to the churches. How does it connect to your own life today?

# DAILY THIS WEEK

- 1. Be discerning in teaching.
  - Be vigilant about the sources of your spiritual truth. Cross-check the teachings with Scripture to ensure they align with biblical truth when listening to sermons, reading Christian books, or engaging with online content.
- 1. Find accountability and encouragement.:
  - Foster a community where you can encourage others in their faith and hold each other accountable. This helps you stay grounded in the truth and resist false teachings.
- 1. Live out your faith.
  - Demonstrate the fruits of a godly life as a testimony to others. Your actions should reflect the transformation and truth of the Gospel, contrasting with the false teachers who lead lives contrary to God's will.

# PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. We worship you for your love and holiness and we thank you for all you've done on our behalf through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Guide us and protect us in these perilous times. Amen.