

Small Group Discussion Questions
Sermon Date: February 4, 2024

Sermon: Apostate: The Fallen Ones, Part 1
Passage: 1 Timothy 4:1-2

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Sermon Outline:

3 Dangers of Apostasy

1. The Realization of Apostasy, v. 1a
2. The Reason for Apostasy, v. 1b
3. The Root of Apostasy, v. 2

Review Questions:

1. When are the “later times”?
2. What does it mean to apostatize?
3. According to the sermon, how can we practically do our part to prevent apostasy?
4. Explain how the refusal to confront sin in a fellow believer’s life is neither kind nor loving.
5. What are “doctrines of demons”?
6. How does the conscience become seared over time?

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you know someone who fell away from the faith? What happened? How did this affect you?
2. Do you struggle with confronting sin among those who claim to be Christians? How does the Bible’s teachings on rebuke and admonition challenge your struggle?
3. Can you give any examples of false religions or “doctrines of demons” that are so subtly different than Christianity that Christians fall prey to them?
4. How can you keep your conscience from becoming seared?
5. How can you pray for false teachers?
6. In your own heart, consider if there is anyone in your life that professes to be a believer but their behavior indicates that the Holy Spirit is not in him/her. Ask your group for wisdom, boldness, love, and prayer for how to address them.
7. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?