

The Essence

Part 11: Spotting a False Teacher | Speaker: Pete Briscoe

Sermon Questions for 4.23.17

Opener

What's the funniest scam you've received? What were some of the tell-tale signs that it was a scam?

Read

1 John 4:1-16; Deut 13:1-3; Matt. 7:15-20; Matt. 12:33-37

Engage with God in a Group

- How does the indwelling Christ keep us from false teaching? How have you experienced this in your own life?
- What are some tell-tale signs we need to be looking out for in the people whom the world listens to? How will this help you when you're taking in all the media you consume this week?

Engage with God on your own

- Questions to ask when discerning whether you are listening to a false teacher or not: What is he/she saying about Jesus? What is the Spirit telling me? How do his/her listeners live? Would Paul, John, James, and Peter agree?
 - Who do you need to stop listening to this week?
 - How can you discuss this with your community of believers in a gracious and loving way?

Bottom Line

Telltale sign of a false teacher: They neglect either the *divinity* or the *humanity* of Jesus Christ.