**Spot The Fake!**

2 Peter 2:10b-22

False teachers are dangerous and expert deceivers. There are some things that we need to be on the lookout for that help identify them..

***1. They are TOTALLY SELF-ABSORBED - They are only concerned with taking care of themselves – v.10b-1.2***

-They reject all authorities, good or evil (v.10b-11; Jude 8,9)

-They are motivated by their sin. (v.12)

***2.They are unashamedly driven by greed and are TOTALLY LUSTFUL – v.13-16.***

-They satisfy the cravings of the flesh wanting to exploit others for their own personal gain.

-They shamelessly revel out in the open. (v.13)

***3.They are TOTALLY DECEITFUL – v.17. – Full of empty promises.***

-They over-promise and under-deliver

***4.They are TOTALLY FAKE – v.18-22 – Where’s The Fruit?***

-You will recognize them by their fruit (Matt 7:15-16a)

***How Do We Guard Against False Teaching?***

1. Recognize God’s word as the ultimate authority.
2. Submit to the authority of his word through obedience
3. Stay in community with those who display the fruit.