Questions for Reflection and Discussion

2 Peter 2:12-22
Leadership in the Hands of an Angry God

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1. Leadership should not be about self. (vv. 12-16)

a. How does the apostle Peter show that these false teachers were living life for themselves?

b. Why does the apostle Peter equate these false teachers to the Old Testament prophet Balaam in the book of Numbers?

c. What is the end result of these leaders making their leadership about self?

2. Leadership should not be a popularity contest. (vv. 17-19)

a. Why were these false teachers so popular? What are the hints the apostle Peter gives?

b. According to Peter, what constitutes a slave?

c. What does he mean that they were living in error and were depraved?

3. Leadership should be about the gospel. (vv. 20-22)

a. According to the apostle Peter, how does one truly escape the corruption of the world?

b. How important is having the "right doctrine" about Jesus?

c. What are the "Holy Commands"? (ἁγίας = holy, ἐντολῆς = commands)

i. The Greek communicates these words as "holy commands". The NIV translates the phrase as "sacred commands".

ii. Read Romans 8:1-17.

4. Getting Personal

a. ***Are you leading well? Discuss ways you can improve your leadership around the gospel.***

b. ***Why is it important that the local church center its mission and vision around the gospel message of Jesus Christ?***

c. ***What would your church look like if everything she did was gospel-oriented? If every decision was made based on the Great Commandment (love God and love others) of making disciples?***