

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
2 Peter 2:17-22
Bondage or Freedom?

Getting Started

Describe a movie you've seen that shows the value people place on freedom.

Background

Read 2 Pet 2:1-16. Summarize how Peter described the false teachers in the first 16 verses.

Digging In

1. **Read vss. 17-22.** How are the false teachers like *springs without water and mists driven by a storm*?
2. **Read vss. 18-19.** What were their strategies for luring people to follow them?
3. Describe their victims. (vss. 14 and 18)
4. In what sense were the false teachers still in bondage?
5. **Read John 8:31-36.** How does Jesus' teaching on freedom relate to the behavior of the false teachers?
6. **Read vss. 20-22.** Why were the false teachers worse off after gaining some knowledge of Christianity and *the way of righteousness* than before?
7. How does Peter apply the proverbs in v. 22 to the false teachers?
8. What will be their final doom? (v. 17)



Getting Personal

- Can you think of any false teachers today who resemble those described in 2 Peter 2?
- How can we avoid being victimized by false teachers?
- What steps are you taking to ensure that you are not *unstable*?
- Would you say that you are enjoying genuine freedom in Christ, or are there some areas in which you're still in bondage (e.g. habits, attitudes, values; Galatians 5:16-26)?
- How would you describe true freedom? (see Romans 6:11-14)