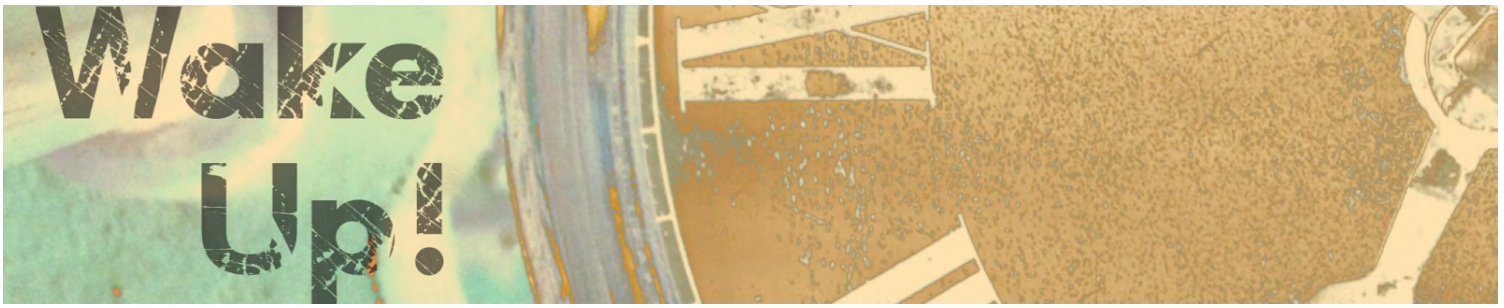


Connect Together

Why do we still enjoy fiction even while still knowing it is not real? What are the benefits and possible drawbacks of fiction we read in books and see in video?

Lesson Verses - 2 Peter 2:1-3 (CSB)

1 There were indeed false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and will bring swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their depraved ways, and the way of truth will be maligned because of them. 3 They will exploit you in their greed with made-up stories. Their condemnation, pronounced long ago, is not idle, and their destruction does not sleep.

Study & Apply

1. a. Peter warns of false prophets to come. Why should it come as no surprise? (Matthew 7:15; Matthew 24:11, 24)

   b. Why are heresies easy to fool others? Why are they so destructive? (2 Timothy 4:3; Romans 16:18; 2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

   c. Who will bring swift destruction upon them? What is your job to do then? (2 Thessalonians 1:6; Romans 12:19; 1 John 4:1-6)

APPLY: What kind of process would you think through if you hear something about the Faith that you feel might not be quite right? Where would you start, but also where would you go from there for further verification?

2. a. Why should it also come as no surprise that many will follow such false prophets? (John 3:19; Titus 1:15; Matthew 15:8)

   b. What is the motivation for the false prophets? (v.3; 2 Peter 2:10; Jude 1:16)

APPLY: It seems inevitable for false prophets and teachers to be "among us." How can we be at peace despite their inevitable presence? (see: Ephesians 2:3;1 Timothy 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; Acts 18:24-26)

Discuss & Share

Since there is the possibility of confusing a heretical false prophet with a weaker misunderstood believer, how can we be sure that we do not make the mistake of labeling one for the other? How can we approach either of them? (see: Colossians 1:21; Ephesians 2:3)

Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.