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DISCERNMENT

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Hello ladies!

Welcome to week two of our study together!

I hope you're enjoying spending time in the Bible as we study *Biblical Discernment in an Unbiblical Age*. I'm praying that your times together are rich and encouraging. We need each other now more than ever.

This week, we're diving a little more into what our enemy is doing: which is deceiving an entire generation of Believers. We've grown soft in our knowledge of the Word; therefore false teachers are infiltrating our churches more than I have ever seen in my lifetime. The only way to guard against false teachers is to know and study the Word.

Bold lies need bold truth—and we are seeing some brazen lies in churches today.

This week, I want to encourage you think about some of the questions this generation is asking ... but don't do it without the Bible. If we want to know how God feels about marriage, life, children, family, human sexuality, creation, etc., we need look no further than His Word.

At the end of our lives, we'll give an account to God, not to others, for how we obeyed and followed God's Word. Of course, the Christian life is more than just knowing the Word, we need to be able to "rightly divide" it. (2 Timothy 2:15) When the Bible is used correctly with love, grace, kindness and boldness, there is no power on earth that can defeat it. The Word of God is powerful!

As followers of Jesus, we are called to live differently. I'm praying that it will begin with me. Thank you for joining me as I've been studying this topic. I'm excited to hear how God uses it in the days to come.

As iron sharpens iron,

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WEEK TWO - STUDENT GUIDE

MAIN SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:8-9

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Write out 1 Peter 5:8-9

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How does the Apostle Peter describe the enemy we face?



What should our response be to this kind of an enemy?



When the Bible says our enemy is “seeking” someone to devour, what does that mean? What areas of our lives might be vulnerable to this kind of enemy?



Peter warns us to “WATCH OUT!” for the devil. Below, I’ve listed a few places where we need to be standing, shields up and swords drawn—on the alert for our adversary. What does that look like in:

education - consider Isaiah 41:10

entertainment

teaching

new cultural “norms”

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Can you think of other areas?

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 Are "watching out" and "discernment" the same thing? Why or why not?

 Read verse 9 out loud. What does it look like to STAND FIRM in your faith?

Definition of firm:

Standing firm in our faith looks like:

 Read 1 Peter 3:15. Ink it up. :) **Highlight it.** Underline it. Talk about it.

 What does it mean to be *prepared* to give an answer?

 Does *being prepared* foster and grow biblical discernment? How so?

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Read Proverbs 14:12

"There is a way that _____ to a man, but _____,
it leads only to _____."



What does this tell you about our ability to be discerning on our own?



Read Proverbs 12:15

The way of a _____ seems right to him.



How can you tell if your pastor or teacher is using the Word of God correctly?



Look up Luke 6:40 We are the _____ of this generation.

Why do we need discernment?

Where do we get discernment?

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-  What does the Bible say about the Word of God? Write out Isaiah 40:8 to find out!
-  Are the Scriptures just “ideas” of God, or are they His very words?
Psalm 12:6-7, Deuteronomy 4:1-2, Proverbs 30:5-6, Mark 13:31
-  A discerning Christian is going to _____ worldly interpretations of Scripture.
-  What are some areas where the church is buckling under pressure from the culture today?
Can make a biblical defense for your answer?
-  Romans 12:2 says you can do TWO things as a discerning Christian. What are they?

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Take some time to come before the Lord in prayer and ask the Lord to help you be discerning, especially in areas that are being challenged by worldly wisdom right now.

Be specific. Ask God to show you things you may not have seen before. Sit quietly before Him.

Pray for our pastors and teachers, that they might “rightly divide the Word of Truth” and stand strong against the pressure to conform to the patterns of the world.