

## Tips for Discerning a False Teacher

- Does this teacher interpret Scripture in light of the whole of Scripture, or is he/she prone to isolating passages from their context?
- Does this teacher place God or man at the center? Does God or man get the glory in his/her teaching?
- Is his/her teaching in line with the mainstream of faithful Christian teaching/orthodoxy throughout the ages?
- Does this teacher clearly recognize man's sinfulness, God's holiness, and man's utter need for a Savior?
- Does this teacher treat God's Word as authoritative and wholly true?
- Do they recognize the fully man/fully God nature of Jesus and the Trinity as three distinct Persons but of one essence?
- Do they affirm God's design for the local church as His primary chosen means for propagating the Gospel and disciples?
- Do they disparage or exclude other groups of believers for differences over secondary issues? Do they convey that they have a corner on the truth?
- Do they major on the majors, or spend disproportionate time and energy on less important or obscure biblical teachings?
- Do they uphold and exhibit both grace and truth in full measure?
- Do they clearly place the truth of God's Word over any individual's (including their own) subjective feelings or experiences?
- Do they stand firm on God's guidance on moral issues, sexuality, etc.?
- Do they speak truthfully on matters outside of Scripture (current events, anecdotes, etc.). or do they embellish and/or are reckless w/ the truth?
- Are they humble?