



REDMOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Small Group Discussion and Prayer Guide

July 31, 2022

Read: Matthew 16:5-12

Ask:

- Why does Jesus tell the disciples to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees?
- Where do we find ideologies or teachings that are contrary to the gospel today?
- How do you discern where you are influenced by wrong teaching or messaging?
- What do you think are the most pervasive wrong teachings present in the church or our culture today?

Read: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

- Ask:
- What is the bad leaven in this passage? Is it the man's character, or his sinful actions? Why?
- In what ways does the character and behavior of those around us influence us?
- How should we balance the need to evangelize with the need for careful discernment regarding the influence others have on us?

Pray:

- Praise God for the work he does to advance his kingdom through the leavening influence of his people
- Confess that we are often also influenced by our world as much or more than we are influencing it
- Ask God to protect his people from the bad influence of a dark and sinful world
- Ask God to give us discernment to pay attention to and beware of bad influences that could lead us astray