False Teachers & Magic Carpets

* Read section of mailing
* What is false teaching?
  + First, we must define TRUTH.
    - Jn 14:6 – Jesus
    - 1 Jn. 5:6 – Spirit
    - Jn. 8:31-32 – Know truth by abiding in Him.
  + Anything outside of truth is FALSE
    - Venn diagram
    - True/False test questions
* Biblical Examples
  + Satan – Gen. 3:4-5; Mt. 4:6
  + Nicolaitans – Rev. 2:6, 15-16 (exact doctrine unknown but possibilities are eating things offered to idols, polygamy, and no moral law because faith alone)
  + Diotrephes – 3 Jn. 9-10
  + Many deceivers – 2 Jn. 7-11
* Actions toward false teachers
  + Recognize them – Mt. 7:15-20
  + Identify them – 2 Pet. 2:18-19
  + Test them – Gal 1:6-9; 1 Jn. 4:1-6
* Approaches
  + Harsh
    - Jesus – Mt. 23:13
    - Stephen – Ax. 7:51-52
    - Paul – Ax. 23:3
  + Humility, Gentleness, Love
    - Paul – Ax. 23:5
    - Gal. 6:1
    - 2 Tim. 2:24-25
    - Eph. 4:14-15
  + Exercise wisdom
    - Paul appealed to Athenians on their terms & complimented them – Ax. 17:22, 28
* Confronting false teaching today
  + Recognize where it occurs – In our church, within our sphere of influence, etc.
  + Choose an appropriate action & do something – Ask questions, show verses, silence, etc.
  + Test ourselves to ensure we are in the truth
  + Example from my Catholic Legal Thought class – read highlighted text
  + Example from mailing – read sections of blog post
* Conclusion