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