



1. Beware \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)

***Luke 20:1** One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up **2** and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority." **3** He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, **4** was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?" **5** And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' **6** But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." **7** So they answered that they did not know where it came from. **8** And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things." (ESV)*

2. Discern \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-7)

3. Distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Judges 21:25**. How do the personal, spiritual, and moral overtones of this political statement about Israel in the book of Judges apply to our culture today? What are some of the manifestations of this mindset?
2. Read **Titus 1:12-13** and **2:15**. After skimming through the preceding 14 verses in Titus 2, how does this call in 2:15 help you to understand the difficulties that accompany the plain and forthright deliverance of God's truth?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 7:8-9**. Describe a situation when it was difficult and even painful for you to sincerely embrace God's truth on a specific matter.
4. Read **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**. In what situations have you used the excuse of needing more information, more answers, or more confirmation to evade the reality that you were simply not willing to obey God?
5. Read **Psalms 40:8**. What sort of prayers and regular spiritual disciplines might be useful in realizing the fulfillment of this godly declaration?

*This Week's  
Bible Reading Schedule*

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ex. 16-18 & Mt. 19:16-30*

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ex. 19-21 & Mt. 20:1-16*

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ex. 22-24 & Mt. 20:17-34*

**January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
*Ex. 25-26 & Mt. 21:1-22*

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Ex. 27-28 & Mt. 21:23-46*

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Ex. 29-30 & Mt. 22:1-22*

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Ex. 31-33 & Mt. 22:23-46*

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ex. 34-36 & Mt. 23:1-22*

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 16-33 – **Grieving Over the Sinfulness of Sin**  
Msg. 07-22 – **Embracing the Unconventional & the Unexpected**  
Msg. 15-27 – **Obstacles on the Road to Christ: Incredulity**  
Msg. 07-36 – **Countercultural Christians: Deference Instead of Autonomy**  
Msg. 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**  
Msg. 15-11 – **The Bread of Life: A Necessity for This Life & The Next**  
Msg. 10-05 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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