



## Deception- “What’s True Is False and What’s False Is True”

### MAIN THING

Satan’s second tactic is to feed you false intel so you make bad decisions based on lies

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:1, Isaiah 5:20, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 6:7-10, James 1:22-24, 1 John 1:8-10, Revelation 20:10

### ICEBREAKER

Best tv show EVER is . . . .

### OPENING THOUGHT

Jesus referred to Satan as “the deceiver.” He said that Satan has been a liar from the beginning, and when he lies he speaks his native language. I think it’s safe to say that deception is a big tactic Satan uses against us. We live in a world aptly described by Isaiah 5:20 where right is wrong and wrong is right, where evil is considered good and good is considered evil. In this culture of deception, Satan employs five different deceptions to lull the church away from God and into Satan’s kingdom.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. All of Satan’s deceptions start off with getting us to question the Word of God. His first deception in the garden showed this, “Did God REALLY say . . . . ?” Are there things in your life where Satan has gotten you to question the word of God? How do we combat this tactic of getting us to question God’s word?
3. The sermon identified five deceptions Satan uses: 1) Holiness is optional- you don’t really have to follow God fully, 2) You can live as you please with no consequences, 3) You’re baptized- that’s good enough, 4) Jesus isn’t necessary- just be a good person, and 5) I’m the winning team- it’s futile to serve God.” Which of these has been your biggest struggle?

### LIFE APPLICATION

Recognizing the tactic of deception is key to winning spiritual warfare. The problem is that so many in the church have bought the lies and have been deceived into thinking that Satan’s words are true. The cause? People have neglected the study of the truth. When Christians don’t know the Bible, they are open to any suggestion that sounds good. The greatest way of defeating the tactic of deception is to simply know the truth. We can look at Satan and say, “That’s not true.” We can look at the world that is believing the most ridiculous things imaginable and say, “That’s not true.” Study of the word of God is THE KEY to beating Satan here. Share with the group the ways you are currently studying Scripture and share how you all as a group can encourage one another to stay sharp.

### CHALLENGE

Biblical illiteracy is rampant in the church- that’s why so many churches buy the five lies that Satan deceives us with. It’s everywhere in major denominations. However, what matters more is that it’s in our homes. Biblical illiteracy will leave us and the people in our homes open to any lie Satan sends our way. Which lie in particular are you fighting against this week, and what Scripture can this group send your way to help you?