

Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, August 16th Message

The Deceiver (Genesis 3:1-7)

Understanding Satan

1. Prior to this message, what were your thoughts about Satan? Did you really think about him or how he operates against you? Were you even aware that he continually tries to deceive you?
2. Is Satan a silly-looking, red-tailed figure who carries a pitchfork around as often depicted in cartoons? Read 2 Cor. 11:14 in context and discuss the significance of Satan's appearance.
3. Satan disguised himself first and foremost. How does Satan disguise himself today?
4. How did Satan question God's command? What was God's original command? (Genesis 2:15-17)
5. Another tactic that Satan employed on Eve was misquoting God's command. Have you experienced this attack before? If you have, were you duped by it or did you notice the attempt right away?

Here is an example of this that is common today. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and compare it to the following statement:

"God must want me to quit this job because it is more than I can handle. His word promises that He won't give me more than I can handle!"

How is God's word from 1 Cor. 10:13 being misquoted in the above situation? Focus on what Paul is specifically referring to in verse 13.

6. What did Eve do wrong in her response in Genesis 3:3?
7. What are some outright lies about God's word that are predominant today?
8. What are some lies that Satan uses to try to make God look weak?

9. What was the main consequence of Adam & Eve eating from the tree and how did Satan try to downplay that consequence?
10. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10, what reason is given for people being deceived by Satan and missing out on salvation? How might this same principle apply to a believer who refuses to love truth, not in a losing salvation sense, but in a daily walk sense?
11. Continuing in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12, what part does God play when a person continually refuses to believe truth? In essence, isn't God really giving the person exactly what they want?

Life Application:

- 1) Know God's word
- 2) Memorize God's word
- 3) Meditate on God's word
- 4) Use God's word