



"Dodging Distractions"

HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of February 18, 2024

Let's review this week's message, "Dodging Deception"

1 Let's Talk & Pray

Ask everyone to share the following: *If you could go back to your 18 year old self, what advice would you give yourself and why?*
After everyone has shared, pray your time together.

2 Let's Read the Word

Genesis 3:1-6

Hebrews 5:14; Proverbs 14:12

3 Let's Review the Main Idea

There are multiple distraction in life, and they are not always visible! These distractions are meant to take you out! If you've ever played dodgeball, the target would be the best player on the other team. This tactic to get the best player out of the game made the rest of the team vulnerable - when we can't dodge distractions - we become vulnerable as well!
Here's this week's points:

- Don't LISTEN to the lies
- Don't LIVE independent of God
- Don't LOOK through the lens of deception

4 Let's Think

- What was the serpent's motive in making Eve believe that God was simply denying her something? What was the lie he made her believe?
- Why does he want to bring conflict in our relationship with God? What lies does the enemy want us to believe to do this?

5 Let's Share

- What are some ways that we try to live independently from God?
- Share a time when you decided to live your own way. How did it affect your life?
- Why does the temptation to live our own way seem to look so good?

6 Let's Grow

- What deception influenced Eve's decision to eat the fruit? How could she have guarded herself?
- Adam and Eve decision to eat the fruit, "seemed" like a good decision at the time, but what were the consequences?
- How have your decisions in the past brought some difficult consequences?
- What deceptions try to influence our decisions? How can we be more aware of these deceptions?

7 Let's Pray

Take a few moments to share prayer requests and pray for them and each other.

Let's Do Something

This is our first week of Hope Groups! Thanks for joining and taking a huge step of connecting at Hope. Find a way this week to reach out to someone in your group - a text, a call, grab a cup of coffee - and pray for your group this week, too!