

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

Discussion Guide

Sunday Sermon 8.9.26



Did God Really Say?

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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Overview

This sermon walks through Genesis 1-3 to trace the origin of spiritual deception and its ongoing effects on individuals, families, and the church. The central question Satan posed to Eve in Genesis 3:1 is the same question that fuels much of the confusion and rebellion we see in our world today. This guide is designed to help your group wrestle honestly with that question and its implications for your faith and daily life.

Key Takeaways

- 1. God's word is trustworthy and authoritative.** From the very first chapter of Genesis, God speaks with clarity and intention. Satan's first move was not to tempt Eve with fruit but to plant doubt about whether God's word could be trusted. If the word of God is not trustworthy, it cannot be authoritative.
 - 2. Scripture is sufficient.** The Bible does not give us most of what we need. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, it gives us everything we need to know God, to be saved through Jesus Christ, and to walk faithfully in the Christian life. Nothing needs to be added to it, and nothing should be taken from it.
 - 3. Sin separates us from God, and only God can provide the way back.** Adam and Eve's one act of disobedience instantly changed their position from holy to spiritually dead. Their attempt to cover themselves with fig leaves was not accepted by God. God had to provide the covering, and for us, that covering is the blood of Jesus Christ alone.
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Discussion Questions

Opening

1. Before diving into the sermon content, take a moment to reflect: when you hear the question "Did God really say?", what is the first thing that comes to mind? Have you ever found yourself genuinely wrestling with whether something in Scripture is true or still applies today?
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Battleground 1: The Trustworthiness and Authority of God

2. In Genesis 3:1, Satan does not immediately tell Eve to disobey God. He starts with a question. Why do you think doubt is such an effective first step in the process of deception? What makes a question more dangerous than a direct lie in some situations?
3. In Genesis 3:4-5, Satan moves from questioning God's word to directly contradicting it and then attacking God's character. He implies that God is withholding something good from Eve. In what ways do you see this same strategy being used in our culture today to make people distrust God's commands?
4. Hebrews 6:17-18 makes clear that it is impossible for God to lie. How does that truth serve as a direct answer to Satan's strategy in Genesis 3? How does knowing that God cannot lie change the way you approach difficult or uncomfortable passages of Scripture?

Battleground 2: The Sufficiency of Scripture

5. The sermon defined the sufficiency of Scripture this way: God has given us everything we need in His word to know Him, to be saved through Jesus Christ, and to faithfully live the Christian life, requiring no new revelations or additions. In your own words, what does it look like practically to live as though you believe that?
6. The sermon asked this honest question: "If someone followed you for a week, would they be able to walk away and conclude that God's Word is sufficient in your life?" Take a moment to sit with that question as a group. Where do you tend to look first when you need direction, comfort, or answers?
7. The sermon pointed out several ways the church can drift from Scripture's sufficiency, including trusting marketing strategies over the gospel, measuring success by attendance and budgets, and building ministries around consumer preferences. Do any of those tendencies concern you personally? How do you think a church guards against them?

Battleground 3: The Person and Work of Christ

8. Genesis 3:15 is often called the first announcement of the gospel. God promises that a singular "He" would crush the serpent's head, even before the chapter is over. What does it tell you about God's character that He announced a plan of redemption before He even handed down the consequences of the fall?

9. Adam and Eve tried to cover their own sin with fig leaves, but God did not accept their self-made covering. He provided one Himself. In what ways do people today still try to cover their sin or earn their way back to God on their own terms? What makes it so difficult for people to accept that they cannot fix this themselves?
 10. The sermon stated that redefining who Jesus is leads to redefining why He came, which ultimately reduces sin and salvation to nothingness. Where do you see Jesus being redefined in our culture, and what are the practical consequences of that redefinition for how people understand sin and their need for a Savior?
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Practical Applications

Personally:

- Identify one area of your life where you have been supplementing Scripture with something else, whether that is cultural opinion, social media, personal feelings, or the advice of others over and above what God's word says. Commit this week to bringing that area specifically to Scripture and letting it speak first.
- Spend time this week reading Genesis 1-3 in full on your own. Pay attention to how many times the phrase "then God said" appears and reflect on what it means that the same God who spoke creation into existence has also spoken clearly into how you are to live.

As a Group:

- Pray together specifically against the three battlegrounds discussed in this sermon: the tendency to doubt God's word, the tendency to supplement Scripture, and the tendency to redefine Jesus in ways that are more culturally comfortable.
- Discuss as a group what it would look like for your small group specifically to be a place where Scripture is treated as sufficient. What habits or practices would reinforce that commitment?

In Your Family or Relationships:

- The sermon noted that families are often outsourcing the discipleship of their children to the church rather than taking responsibility for it at home. If you have children or are in a position to influence younger believers, identify one specific and practical step you can take this week to bring the Word of God into that relationship more intentionally.
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Closing Reflection

The question "Did God really say?" has been in circulation since Genesis 3. It has never gone away, and it will not go away. But the believer's answer to that question is the same today as it has always been: yes, God said it, He meant it, He cannot lie, and His word is enough. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer to the problem that question created. Adam and Eve could not cover themselves. Neither can we. But God has provided a covering, and His name is Jesus Christ.

Close your time together in prayer, asking God to give your group a deepening love for His word, a growing resistance to deception, and a clear-eyed trust in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ.