

NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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SERMON SUMMARY

The sermon “Deceived” explores how Satan’s deception began in the Garden by causing humanity to question God’s goodness, their own identity, and who gets to define what is true and good. Through Jesus—who is Truth itself—the lies of the enemy are defeated, and the cross and resurrection restore the freedom God intended for us from the beginning.

KEY POINTS

- Deception is believing something completely false, or only partially true, as absolutely true.
- You cannot live in God's truth while believing the enemy's version of reality.
 - Satan's Version of Reality #1: "God isn't good."
 - Satan's Version of Reality #2: "I'm not enough."
- Jesus reveals the truth that defeats deception.
- You are free.
 - The cross and resurrection restore the freedom deception took away.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What are some lies or deceptions you’ve believed about God—especially about His goodness, His character, or what He is withholding from you?**
2. **The sermon says the enemy wants us to believe, “I’m not enough.” Where do you see that lie showing up in your life, and how does the truth of being made in God’s image challenge it?**
3. **Genesis 3 shows Eve beginning to define “good” for herself. Where are you most tempted to trust your own perspective or feelings over what God says is true?**
4. **The sermon says, “You cannot live in God’s truth while believing the enemy’s version of reality.” What is one area of your life where you need to replace a lie with God’s truth?**

5. **Jesus came to reveal truth and restore the freedom that was lost in the Garden. What would it look like for you to actually live in the freedom Jesus has given you this week?**