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“He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

John 8:44

Text: Genesis 3:1-7

How Did The Devil Lie To Eve?

- **The Deceiver Questioned** _____
 “...he [the serpent] asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?’”
 Genesis 3:1
- **The Deceiver Questioned** _____
 “‘You won’t die!’ the serpent replied to the woman.”
 Genesis 3:4
- **The Deceiver Questioned** _____
 “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”
 Genesis 3:5

When you start to question the _____ of God
 it’s easier to disobey the _____ of God

MEMORY VERSE

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.
 A man reaps what he sows.”
 Galatians 6:7

How Did Eve Respond To His Lies?

- She _____ God’s Word
- She _____ God’s Word
- She _____ God’s Word

How Can We Avoid Being Deceived?

- By _____ God’s Word
- By _____ God’s Word

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Ask God to help me to hide his word in my heart so that I’ll know what He really says
- Memorize Galatians 6:7
- Commit to attend (as much as possible) each week of “*The Devil Made Me Do It*” teaching series
- Get the most out of today’s message by attending my Life group this week



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Discussion Questions - Week #5

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "The Deceiver" in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

- In the message this weekend Pastor Rick shared that the devil plants seeds of doubt in God's word. What ways might you use to protect yourself from these attacks?
- Intentionally taking time to recognize God's goodness can be one antidote to the enemies' attack. Where have you experienced God's goodness recently?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. One of the ways we avoid the devil deceiving us is by knowing God's word. Read Psalm 119:11, Psalm 37:11, Psalm 40:8.

How do you think following the encouragements in these verses could help you to combat the enemy?

Do you think there is a difference between memorizing God's word and hiding God's word in your heart?

Do you think having a bible app on our phone makes memorizing God's word less important in our culture? Why or why not?

What could it look like for you to make a regular habit of hiding God's word in

2. Jesus is an excellent example of someone who hid God's word in his heart. When the enemy approached him in the wilderness, Jesus put God's word to good use. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What stands out to you in this passage?

In verse four, Jesus says that we don't just need physical food, but also spiritual food, that is the word of God. Do you feel like you're getting your fill these days? Why or why not? How would you know?

What do you think would have to happen for you to be able to respond to the devil's deceptions with God's word?

3. In the Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy, Paul provided instruction to his younger protege on how to persevere in faith and lead his church in faithfulness. It is not surprising then that Paul encouraged him to hold fast to the scriptures. Read 2 Timothy 3:13-17. What reason does Paul give Timothy for believing in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you think your life gives others a reason to doubt or to trust in God's word?

How have you experienced correction from scripture?

How has it trained you in righteousness?

What good works has it equipped you for?

TAKING IT HOME

☞ What is one practical takeaway from the message this weekend that you want to begin doing, continue doing or stop doing?

PRAYER REQUESTS