

Fight: Week 3- Deception

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever bought something you thought was a deal but not so much?
2. How can you identify an item whether it's fake or originally made from its source?

WORD

Revelation 12:7-9

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Satan has lost the battle with God and even though he has lost the battle, he is currently winning the battle in the lives of many people. On this series, we are learning to fight, a fight that is not physical but a fight that is within us. The hardest fight that we wage against ourselves. First week, we learn how to fight fears that is within and that God is our Shepherd (Psalm 23), Second week, we learn to fight disillusionment and that we have the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who is our helper (John 14:15-17a) and this week, we will learn to fight deception.

Deception refers to the act of manipulating, misleading or tricking someone into believing something that is not true. Often for personal gain or to cause harm. People will try to deceive us for personal gain and harm us. Deception is a powerful force. In fact deception can take many forms, but ultimately has one goal. To lead us away from what is true. To lead us away from the truth. To lead us away from God. And

deception is described as one of Satan`s main weapons in reaching his ultimate goal, which is to keep us away from God and His salvation. He wants to prevent us from finding true joy, peace, and love in our lives. He does this by deceiving us into thinking that we don`t need God, or that we can find all we are looking for without God.

DISCUSSION

Talk about a time in the past when someone deceived you? What was the reason behind the deception? Could you have avoided it? How?

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How to fight deception?

*The enemy is defeated

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*Be vigilant

1 Peter 5:8 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**Use the word of the Lord. Ephesians 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*

*Know the truth.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

DISCUSSION

How have you been fighting deception and the lies of the enemy in your life? What strategies have you tried and used to fulfill God`s promises in your life?

LIFE APPLICATION

Let us fight deception as the job of the enemy is to get us believe with his lies. We are transformed by the Gospel and let us live continually with this Truth that Jesus is the Truth. The word of God is the Truth.

His promises are true

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

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PRAYER

Share your answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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