



LIVE NO LIES

Reclaiming your

Peace
Hope
and Life

Live No Lies Part 1—Did God Actually Say? Pastor Jude Fouquier 4.24.2022

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

God has a plan and a purpose for your life.

Deceitful ideas give way to disordered desires, which gives way to a culture that normalizes sin which separates us from God.

[Genesis 2:15-17, ESV]

“15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.””

If there's not a choice, then it's forced love and that is not real love.

[Genesis 3:1-7, ESV]

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”

Biblical Pattern of Deceit:

1. Eve was alone.

2. Satan introduces a deceitful idea.

God has a lot to say about your life, but do you take time to listen to what God is saying?

3. Eve responds with a deceitful idea.

[Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV]

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths

As believers, we don't need to have all the answers; we are in a process of being in communication with God.

4. Her desires become disordered.

The temptation to want to be God is what we all face daily. We want control of our own lives, but we were never created to be God.

The knowledge of good and evil should always be an outflow of our connection to God: We love to define good and evil on our own terms.

The knowledge of good and evil apart from God will only lead to death.

5. She sins against God.

<p><i>You know that you've begun to believe a deceitful idea when you believe that God is withholding something from you and you believe it's better to get something apart from God.</i></p>
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FOR MONDAY—

1. Spend time in the Bible, reading the Word but also listening to what God might say to you personally.

2. Evaluate what safeguards you have to protect the atmosphere of your home.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. How can we live in the truth in a culture that embraces the lies? How often do you think we live out ideas that are not based on reality?
2. What are some indications that there is a spiritual battle going on? What patterns does the devil use to deceive us? How can we better identify this strategy, and what is the greatest weapon we have to fight against it?
3. In what ways, do you or your family create space to listen to what God says about your life?
4. In Genesis 2 and 3, what is the first lie that happens in the Bible? How have you seen that played out in our world today?
5. Why is the Word of God so important to testing the truth of an idea? What is the purpose of the Bible, as it relates to our lives?
6. Out of Proverbs 3:5-6, what happens when we trust God and continually go back to Him for our answers?
7. How do we love like Jesus today, even when we disagree with some of the choices people are making? How can we encourage people with the Word of God, even this week?
8. What is our responsibility as a church, regarding the truth of God? How does this apply in your own home?
9. What kind of questions are okay not to respond to? How can you tell?
10. What are main ways that God speaks to us today? Are you slowing down enough to listen? How can you tell that we were created to be connected with God?