

In The Beginning: Truth about Deception

It all began in the _____.

Then there was a _____.

_____ is a battle _____.

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– Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

Truth to Embrace:

There is a battle for your life taking place _____. That battle is won by _____ from the enemy and _____ from our God.

Discussion Questions

1. Go around the group and introduce yourselves. Share about who you are, your life stage, and something fun or surprising about yourself.
2. Kim started with the question, “have you ever believed something to be true without knowing if it’s really true?” Can you think of an example of something you thought was true, but later found out was not?
3. What strikes you about the beginning in the Garden in Genesis 1-2 before Satan entered the story?
4. What did you notice about Satan’s approach to deceiving Eve?
5. Can you relate to the idea that there is a battle for your mind? What kinds of deceived thinking have you had to battle in the past?
6. Was there anything that was mentioned in lecture that you would like to talk more about or you found surprising or interesting?
7. What are you most excited about in our time together in this study?

Planting Truth & Uprooting Lies

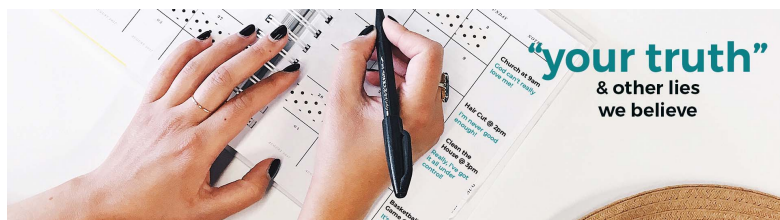
Read 2 John 1-6. The apostle John wrote the book of 2nd John (as well as 1st & 3rd John, the gospel of John and Revelation). The book is addressed to “the chosen lady and her children.” There are no specific names given, so scholars have concluded that it was written to a church.

Jot down notes on the passage, specifically words or ideas that are repeated in the passage.

Questions to consider:

1. Why would John say he loves them (the recipients of the letter) in the truth?
2. What does John say brings him joy (v. 4)?
3. What do you think it looks like to be children walking in the truth?
4. What does John say is the command they’ve had from the beginning (v. 5)?
5. How does John define love (v. 6)?
6. Consider the 3 steps to demolishing lies given in lecture:
 - a. Identify the problem.
 - b. Investigate the problem and identify the lie.
 - c. Replace the lie with truth.

Spend some time considering and praying for God to show you any areas where you may be believing lie. What lie(s) are you believing or embracing? What truth do you need to embrace?



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