

## THE BATTLE OF LIES



THE ENEMY SEEKS TO **DISTORT**OUR VIEW OF GOD, OURSELVES,
AND LIFE THROUGH DECEPTION,
BUT GOD'S TRUTH BRINGS
CLARITY AND FREEDOM.



WE MUST **EXPOSE SATAN AS THE SOURCE** OF LIES.

WE MUST UNDERSTAND

DECEPTION DISTORTS OUR

IDENTITY & VIEW OF GOD.



#### 8:42-44 8:42-44



John 8:42-44 CSB
Jesus said to them, "If God were your
Father, you would love me, because I came
from God and I am here. For I didn't come
on my own, but he sent me. [43] Why don't
you understand what I say? Because you
cannot listen to my word.



[44] You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.



#### WE MUST EMBRACE OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

RATHER THAN BELIEVING THE LIES FROM OTHER VOICES.

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER VOICES THAT SATAN USES TO FEED LIES? WHAT ARE SOME COMMON LIES WE TEND TO BELIEVE?



# LIES WE TELL OURSELVES OR VOICES WE LISTEN TO ABOVE GOD'S VOICE?



- "I'm not good enough or I'm too messed up." → Truth: 2 Corinthians 12:9 His grace is sufficient for you even in your weakness.
- 2. "God could never use someone like me."
  → Truth: 1 Peter 2:9 You are chosen,
  royal, and called by God.
- 3. "Nobody cares about me."

  → Truth: Isaiah 49:16 God has engraved you on the palms of His hands.



### LIE: "LIFE WILL BE EASIER IF I FOLLLOW JESUS"



John 16:33 - "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

James 1:2-4 - "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

Romans 8:35-39 - Nothing can separate us from God's love, even hardship or suffering.



# SOMETIMES WE MISTAKE TRIALS FOR A SIGN THAT GOD IS NOT THERE FOR US OR DOES NOT LOVE US.

JESUS NEVER PROMISED US AN EASY LIFE, **BUT HE PROMISED TO BE WITH US.** 



## EXPOSE LIES EMBRACE TRUTH



#### Discussion Guide Week 2: The Battle of Lies

The Father of Lies Read John 8:44

What does this verse tell us about Satan? Why do you think he wants to deceive us? What are some common lies people believe about God?

Have you ever faced a tough situation and wondered if God really loved you? How did you handle it?

Read John 16:33 - What does Jesus say about the hardships we will face? How does this encourage you?

What are some ways we can fight against the enemy's lies in our everyday lives?

\* The Lie That Life Will Be Easy if We Follow Jesus

Why do you think some people believe that life will be easier if they follow Jesus?

Have you ever felt disappointed when life was hard even though you were following Jesus? How did you handle it?

Read James 1:2-4
How can trials actually strengthen our faith instead of weakening it?
How can we encourage someone who is struggling and feels like God has abandoned them?

Read Psalm 139:13-14 & Romans 12:2
What are some lies people believe about themselves? (Examples: 'I'm not good enough,' 'I'll never change,' 'Nobody cares about me.')

How do you think buying into lies affects your faith and daily life?

Activity: Pass out index cards (or have students use their phones). Ask them to write down one lie they've believed about themselves. Then, find a Bible verse that speaks truth to replace that lie.

How can we remind ourselves of God's truth when we start believing lies again?
Application & Prayer

✓ Challenge: This week, whenever you catch yourself believing a lie, pause and replace it with a Bible verse that speaks truth.

#### 🙏 Prayer Time:

Ask students to share (if comfortable) what lie they're replacing with truth.

Pray over the group, asking God to help them recognize and reject the enemy's lies and stand firm in their identity in Christ.