

**Celebration Church**  
**Care Group Discussion Guide**  
**The Fog of Deception**

**HOSPITALITY**

Take time to welcome each other to group and share about your week.

**ICE BREAKER**

Discuss the question: Sunday's message from Pastor Zach and our pastoral team was a call to examine our hearts. God is doing a new thing in this season. How does self-examination and repentance prepare us for all that God is doing?

**BIBLE DISCUSSION**

1. The meaning of deception is lying, misleading, hiding, and distorting by denying, omitting, fabricating, minimizing, or exaggerating. What are some common examples of deception?
2. The Bible gives us examples of deception and the judgment that results. Take time to review these examples, how God's judgment came, and what restoration God brought:
  - a. Genesis 3: The Fall of Man and how it demonstrates James 1:14-15 Life Cycle of Sin
  - b. Numbers 12:1,10: Miriam and Aaron speaking against Moses
  - c. Numbers 16:23-35: Korah's Rebellion
  - d. Numbers 20:12: Moses strikes the rock
  - e. 2 Chronicles 26:16-21: King Uzziah's rebellion
  - f. Acts 5: Ananias & Sapphira
  - g. Acts 19:3: 7 Sons of Sceva
  - h. Numbers 21; John 3:14-16: The Fiery Serpents

The bitten Israelite might be all but dead. The poison swiftly flowing but if he can from afar lift his glazing eyeballs to the serpent on the pole, a swifter healing overtakes the death.

3. Take time to read and discuss what Scripture says about rebellion and deception:
  - a. Proverbs 10:9
  - b. James 1:22
  - c. 2 Peter 2:1
  - d. Jeremiah 9:6
  - e. Proverbs 14:8
  - f. Colossians 2:8
  - g. 2 Timothy 3:13-15
  - h. Galatians 3:1-3
  - i. 2 Corinthians 11:14-15

#### 4. Deception's Description

- a. Blinding like a fog
- b. Produce lethargy and spiritual apathy
- c. Appeals to the things known to be true, and is mixed with lies and manipulation
- d. Leads down a path of destruction
- e. Disorienting and eventually brings confusion
- f. Like witchcraft, deception produces rebellion to the truth and God's authority
- g. Seems mesmerizing and fascinating, a person of charisma and charm
- h. Shifts us from God's work in us to my work and traditions of man

#### MINISTRY & PRAYER TIME

Based on the discussion today, what areas do you need support and prayer for? What other prayer needs do you have? Take time to pray for one another.

#### PERSONAL DEEPER COMMITMENT

Select one or two of the activities below that you will complete before our next meeting to continue your personal growth:

**Journal:** Carve out 30 minutes in your week to write about this question: *What deception or areas of my life do I need to surrender to God again?*

**Coaching or Mentoring:** Take some time to have a coaching or mentoring conversation this week with someone about *what areas might I need greater revelation of truth.*

**Memorization:** Memorize the following Bible verse this week:

*Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*

**Pray:** Spend an intentional 30 minutes in prayer **repenting and asking the Holy Spirit to reveal deeper understanding.** Consider coming on Sundays at 9am in Room 104 or Sundays at 6pm for corporate prayer time in the sanctuary. Harp & Bowl worship & prayer nights, last Sundays @ 6pm.

**Study:** Read *The Bait of Satan* by John Bevere

#### IMPORTANT CHURCH HAPPENINGS

JOYFEST!! Volunteer Rally, May 17 @ 7pm

Services: Fri @ 7pm | Sat @ 6pm | Sun @  
10am & 6pm