Horns & Hooves Week 1: Deception CCV Groups Discussion Guide

Opening Question:

Mark's challenge was to know Scripture as the antidote to Satan's deception. What scriptural truths do you lean on the most throughout normal days and weeks? Is there a certain verse that you have memorized to remind you of God's truth?

Groups Video Guide

Read it again:

• John 8:31-47

Discuss:

- Share a time you believed a lie, or made up a lie that later caused distress to you and/or others?
- Read Genesis 3:1-7. What strategies did Satan use to deceive Adam and Eve?
- What common lies (or half-truths) has Satan used in our culture? In your own life?
- According to <u>1 Peter 5:8</u>, why is it so critical that we don't fall for his deception?

Prayer:

Take some time to take prayer requests from people around you. Give particular emphasis to those who are praying for friends or family who have been deceived by Satan's Schemes.

Scriptures:

- **Genesis 3:1**, "Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made."
- **John 8:44**, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."
- 2 Corinthians 2:10-11, "Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."
- 2 Corinthians 4:4, "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."
- 2 Corinthians 11:3, "But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ."
- 2 Corinthians 11:14, "Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."
- 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."
- Acts 5:3, "But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?"
- **Revelation 20:10**, "And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."
- 1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons."
- John 8:32, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."