

Deceived No More

Teen Study

This energetic, new study equips teens with the truths of God, revealing areas where the enemy has tried to grab hold of their lives, and empowers them to live the bold, powerful, life that God intended.

They are challenged to throw off the distractions of this world and live fully devoted to God through the power of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

This 9-week study does more than just give them deeper spiritual truths, it propels them toward their purpose with the passion needed to fulfill it.

Features:

- Easily adaptable as a personal devotional or small group curriculum
- A step-by-step leader guide simply written for anyone to use

We've included a brief description of each chapter and one entire chapter along with its leader guide for you to review.

Contact us to find out more about this study and how we can partner with you in discipling the next generation to become devoted, powerful, and effective followers of Christ.

"This study has helped me so much with my anger. It doesn't just encourage you to seek God, it encourages you to seek Him more intensely."

-Walker, 16yrs old, Birmingham, AL

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Best Uses

Devotional: Ages 13 and up

Small Group Study: Ages 13 and up

**Depending on child's background, may be appropriate for children 12 years of age or*

"This treasure of a book will open your eyes to spiritual warfare! Highly recommend this book for teenagers and even young adults! ...A lot of times it can be confusing or difficult to understand or grasp certain parts of "faith in action" and how to live out a Christian life; this book gets past the surface level of Christianity to the "root" & heart issues, but it isn't complicated or difficult to follow.

-Debbie, Birmingham, AL

Deceived No More Chapter Descriptions:

Ch 1: The Choice - We must choose to receive God's love, acceptance, and forgiveness. It is only through the overflow of God's love from a real relationship with Him that we can live as He designed us to live.

Ch 2: Understanding Jesus - Jesus's death did more than just pay for our sins. It also set us free from shame, other bad feelings that result from our sin and makes it, so we can always be in relationship with God.

Ch 3: Who Am I? - We were made by God with a purpose in mind. Your life matters and God has something that He wants you to do. He has given you special gifts and abilities to help you do what He has planned for you.

Ch 4: Ordered Living - We are made like God with a body, soul, and spirit. We need to feed our spirit so that it can be in charge and lead us.

Ch 5: Surrender - God wants to help us with all of our plans and problems. When we let Him, He guides us in the way that is best and will lead us closer to our purpose.

Ch 6: Forgiving Like Jesus - Forgiveness is something we must choose to do to keep our hearts free from feelings that hinder our ability to love as God designed us.

Ch 7: Words are Powerful - Because we are made in God's image, our words are powerful and must be handled responsibly and used as God intended.

Ch 8: Guard Your Heart - We are more than just a physical being. We are also a spiritual being and for God to use us to reach others, we must guard our hearts and purity from things that dishonor God. They will read about and discuss purity through their thoughts, hearts, and body. The difference between love and lust is explained as well as ways to maintain our purity through our bodies.

Ch 9: Battle Plan - We are in a war, but God has given us mighty and powerful weapons to stand against the enemy. Here your teen will learn and discuss the authority God has given them through Jesus as well as the power given them through the Holy Spirit when He clothes us with His power.

*In addition, they will learn how to identify and combat various things that hinder our relationship with God and His plans for us, such as traps of the enemy (i.e. fear, pride, lust, rejection, anger etc).

Deceived No More Chapter 3 Leader Guide:

Chapter 3: Identity in Christ

Open with: worship, prayer, and theme verse.

Review the Lesson: Ask one of the students to tell everyone what the lesson was about.

-main point: **You were made by God with a purpose in mind. Your life matters and God has something that He wants you to do. He has given you special gifts and abilities to help you do what He has planned for you.**

-Would someone share something new you learned from this lesson?

-How can you find the purpose for which God created you? **Having a relationship with Him.**

-How does learning that God created you for His delight change the way you think God sees you?

-How does learning that God purposely made us all different and unique change the way you see people who look or act differently from you?

-Someone share some gifts or abilities they have? What comes naturally to you?

-What comes to mind when you discover that God gave those to you for a reason?

-What do you think should change in your life now that you know you were created to represent Christ and share God's love and truth with others?

-How can you use the gifts and talents God has given you to serve your church? How can you use them to share Jesus with others?

-From Day 2: Walking it Out – Defined by Truth:

-main point: **The enemy tells you lies about who you are and what God or others think of you to keep you from reaching your purpose in God. You must learn to recognize these lies and replace them with what God says about you.**

-What labels have defined you?

-What does God say about that?

-Someone share what it means to you that you are now a new creation.

-Someone share what it means to you that you don't have to be two different people any more.

- Deception Tactics:

- Someone share what thoughts came to mind when they read: "If the enemy can get you to spend your life trying to be accepted, then he knows you will end up reflecting the world – not Jesus".

-Someone share how fear of rejection has negatively influenced your life.

-How can you combat it?

-Someone share a wrong desire that you feel is competing with your focus on God.

-What changes can you make to fix that?

-Remind the students again of the importance of speaking God's truth into lies. Point them to God's Truth (pg. 2).

Chapter Questions: Discuss the questions with the students at the end of Ch 3 pg 29.

Reminders: Remind the students they should read all of Ch. 4 before the next meeting.

Prayer Cards: Ask the students to write at least one prayer request about the lesson.

Individual Prayer: If you choose to do individual prayer, be sure to follow individual prayer protocol

Notes: