



THE CURE

FOR *Deceit*

INTERIM LEAD PASTOR - ZACH RUTHERFORD

May 4-5, 2024

Opening Conversation Starters

- Share a meal together.
- Share an experience from your daily devotions (How is God at work in your life?)
- Share a takeaway from the Weekend Message (What has God been saying?)

Discussion Questions from Weekend Message (To help you hear *and* practice)

- What is the one food item that you find difficult to say no to?
- Read [Genesis 3:1-13](#). What parts of the serpents' statements are true and what parts are lies (compare vs 3:1,4,5 with 3:22 and 5:5)? Why would the serpent mix truth and lies?
- Compare Eve's responses (verses 2-3) with what God actually said (verses 2:9, 16, 17). Who did God give instructions to? Is it possible there was some breakdown in communication? Have you ever struggled with communication with the opposite sex?
- How did Eve change what God actually said to Adam? How did that play into Satan's scheme?
- How can we fall prey to that same question, "Did God really say...?" How are Satan's schemes the same in today's "if it feels good do it" culture?
- Read [1 John 1:5-10](#). How is verse 6 similar to [Genesis 3:12-13](#)? What are some ways we deceive ourselves?
- Pastor Zach said the solution to deceit is to confess. How does [1 John 1:9](#) give us hope and a solution to deceit? What does [James 5:16](#) add to the solution?

Prayer Time

We all suffer from areas of deception in our lives. Confession and repentance within our life groups is an incredible tool to overcome sin and deception. Divide into smaller groups (3-4, or men and women) and share any strongholds of sin or deception that you are dealing with. Pray prayers of repentance and pray for each other to find forgiveness and to live in the light of the truth.

Rhythms of Discipleship



If your group hasn't gone through Rooted or Shapes of Rooted, you can find some tools to help you pray prayers of repentance on our [Life Groups Website](#), [Leader Helps](#), [7 Rhythms](#), [Freedom From Strongholds](#).

Freedom from
Strongholds