



LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

SERIES:
Colossians

MESSAGE TITLE:
Don't Be Deceived

MESSAGE DATE:
09/08/2024

MESSAGE SUMMARY:

Pastor Matt's sermon emphasizes the importance of not being deceived by false teachings and philosophies that can creep into our beliefs. He references Paul's message to the church in Colossae, highlighting that Jesus alone is sufficient for our faith—nothing else needs to be added. Pastor encourages the congregation to cultivate deep roots in their relationship with Christ, engage with the Bible, and rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance to discern truth from lies. Ultimately, building a strong foundation in faith will help individuals stand firm against life's challenges and deceptions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) What does it mean to be 'unoffendable' as discussed in the sermon, and why is it important for a believer's faith?

Pastor Matt talked about how becoming unoffendable can help us stand strong against lies and false teachings, relating this to how trees grow strong through exposure to wind.

Think about a time you felt offended or hurt by something someone said. How did that affect your faith or beliefs? How can you apply being unoffendable in similar situations?

- 2.) How can we compare new ideas or messages we encounter to the teachings in Scripture?

Pastor Matt emphasized the importance of filtering every thought or teaching through God's Word to see if it aligns with Biblical truths.

What steps can you take this week to apply this idea in your daily life? Can you think of a specific situation where you might need to do this?

- 3.) Why do you think Paul warned the church in Colossae about 'well-crafted arguments'? What does that imply about the nature of deception?

Pastor Matt explained that, like deceptive arguments, lies can sometimes seem convincing or true, requiring discernment to identify them.

Reflect on your own experiences. Have you ever believed something that later turned out to be false? How can you ensure you are discerning the truth moving forward?



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- 4.) The sermon mentions allowing our roots to grow deep into Christ. What are some practical ways to cultivate this growth in your faith?

Pastor Matt suggested practices like prayer, worship, and fellowship to help believers strengthen their roots in Christ.

Which of these practices do you currently engage in, and how can you incorporate more of them into your weekly routine?

- 5.) How does the concept of the Holy Spirit guiding us play a role in avoiding deception?

Pastor Matt discussed how the Holy Spirit helps direct believers' thoughts and decisions, assisting them in recognizing truth from lies.

Can you think of a situation where you felt guided by the Holy Spirit? How can you become more attuned to His voice in your life?