

# DANGEROUS DECEPTIONS

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Have you ever been tricked or deceived into believing or doing something crazy? Tell your group the story.
- Are you a “prankster” or do you know someone who is? What’s the best prank you can remember?

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group? •
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, John warned us of **the dangers of deception**.

### #1 - The Trap of Thinking Dangerously (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

- A. How is dangerous thinking just like a hole in the ground that you might fall into?
- B. Take a quick inventory of your own thoughts over the last month or so. Finish this phrase, “Over the last month I’ve allowed myself to believe this lie: \_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. What are some truths that you can hold to this week in order to fight the lies you have believed?

### #2 - The Trap of Being Dangerously Fearful (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

- A. What are some things that make you “jumpy?” Mice? The dark? Clowns?
- B. How about more serious fears? Are there times when you struggle to believe that the world is in the sovereign control of the Almighty God? What are some common threads as you look back to those times?
- C. When you’re tempted to fear this week, what specific truths will you preach to yourself?

### #3 - The Trap of Believing Dangerous Prophecies and Teachings (2 Thessalonians 2:2)

- A. Read Acts 20:29; Romans 16:17-18; and Colossians 2:8. Using these passages, describe some of the characteristics of false teachers and false teaching.
- B. Who are some people who could be identified as false teachers today? What is his/her message?
- C. Here’s a personal question: Which voices are you listening to most? Think about music, podcasts, news reports, teachers, social media, preachers, influencers, friends, etc.? How is that impacting you?

### #4 - The Trap of Believing Dangerous Literature (2 Thessalonians 2:2)

- A. Instead of filling your mind with dangerously false, or even “almost true” material, how are you filling your mind with The Truth? What’s your current Bible reading and application plan?
- B. What is one way you have grown to be more like Jesus recently because of something you read in Scripture? Go around your group and share together.

## PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- The best way to recognize a fake is to know the truth. Pray that your group will be convinced and committed to reading, knowing, and applying God’s Word.

