

DID GOD REALLY SAY?



PART 1 | THE SERPENT'S WHISPER

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Key Takeaways

- 1.) Knowing God personally is essential for a strong faith.
- 2.) Secondhand faith is vulnerable to temptation and doubt.
- 3.) God's Word must be planted deeply in our hearts to withstand the enemy's attacks.
- 4.) The enemy often twists God's words subtly to create doubt.
- 5.) Cultural Christianity can sometimes misrepresent God's true message.

Discussion Questions

- 1.) Pastor Zach mentioned how easy it is to rely on "abbreviated versions of someone else's revelation." How have you seen this play out in your own faith journey or in the broader Christian culture?
- 2.) Reflect on the story of Eve's temptation. How does knowing God's word personally differ from simply hearing about it from others?
- 3.) The sermon highlighted how sin often appears attractive. Can you share an example from your life where something sinful seemed appealing at first but ultimately led to negative consequences?
- 4.) How do you typically respond when you hear the question, "Did God really say...?" in your own life?
- 5.) Pastor Zach emphasized the importance of knowing God's Word personally. What are some practical ways we can make Bible study a more integral part of our daily lives?
- 6.) Discuss the danger of forming our faith based on "secondhand conversations." How can we ensure we're building our faith on God's Word rather than popular opinions or cultural trends?
- 7.) The sermon touched on the idea that Jesus accepts us as we are but doesn't want us to stay that way. How do we balance God's unconditional love with His call for transformation in our lives?

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Practical Application

- 1.) *Commit to a daily Bible reading plan for the next month. Share your plan with the group for accountability.*
- 2.) *Identify one area in your life where you're facing temptation. Find and memorize a relevant Bible verse to combat this specific temptation.*
- 3.) *Reflect on any "secondhand" beliefs you might hold about God. Choose one to investigate further in Scripture this week.*
- 4.) *Practice articulating your faith in your own words. Share with a partner one core belief and explain it using Scripture, not just what you've heard from others.*
- 5.) *Set aside time this week for personal prayer, asking God to reveal areas where you might be relying on cultural Christianity rather than His true Word.*