



## Twisted 1 :: *All Is Not as It Seems* :: Andy Stanley

### INTRODUCTION

There is more to this world than we can see. Beyond all that we are able to measure and understand is a spiritual world; a world that we can neither see nor touch, yet we feel its impact everyday. We live in a world in which an evil influence exists that deceives us and desires to ultimately lead us on a path of destruction. In this session, we'll discuss how our lives have become twisted, and we'll discover the source behind this deception.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What evidence have you seen that we live in an unseen world that impacts what we see and experience?
2. Read John 8:39-45. As Jesus is debating with the Jewish religious leaders, he points to the devil as the source of their deception. What comes to mind when you think about the devil?
3. What do you learn about the devil from Jesus' words in v. 44? What do you learn about his intentions and his methods?
4. In John 14:30, Jesus refers to the devil as "the prince of this world." In Luke 4:5-6 the devil claims to have authority over the kingdoms of this world, and Jesus doesn't argue. Does it surprise you that God has granted the devil temporary influence on the world around us? How is his influence felt? Why would God allow this?
5. What are some of the twisted truths that the devil has used to deceive the world?
6. Read Ephesians 6:11-12. We struggle not only against what we can see, but also against unseen forces. How does this fact impact some of the current conflicts that you are experiencing?

### THINK ABOUT IT

How have you fallen victim to twisted thinking in the past? Are there times when you look back and ask, "What was I thinking?" How were you led astray?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How will you be intentional this week about trying to see the world truthfully, as God sees it?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.* Ephesians 6:12