Group Discussion Questions
The Truth About Lies: The Two Kingdoms

We live in the middle of a spiritual battle between two kingdoms: the kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of God. As Jennie Allen reminds us, these kingdoms are opposed, but **they are not equal**. Jesus has already won the decisive victory over darkness! Through Him, we have been rescued and brought into His Kingdom. But we still face lies and deception that try to pull us away from God's truth. We walk in authority over darkness as we **daily surrender to the authority of God**, choosing His truth over our own and His will over our own.

GET THINGS STARTED

1. From Chapter 2, *The Dark Kingdom and the Brilliance*, what stood out to you or challenged the way you think about spiritual darkness?
2. Have you ever believed a scam, misleading story, or piece of false information because it contained just enough truth to sound believable? What happened?
3. Why do you think a lie mixed with some truth can be harder to recognize?

GO DEEPER

1. Read ***Matthew 3:16–4:10***. Just before Jesus was tempted, the Father called Him His "*beloved Son*." What does this tell us about facing spiritual opposition? How does it connect with Jennie's statement (pg.20), *"Sometimes the Darkness comes because you're beloved"*?
2. Read ***Colossians 1:13-14***. What has Jesus rescued us **from**, and what has He brought us **into**? How should knowing this change the way we face darkness?
3. Read ***Luke 9:23***. Why do you think Jesus describes following Him as a **daily** decision? What might daily surrender look like in ordinary life?
4. In ***John 10:10***, compare what the enemy wants to produce in our lives with what Jesus desires for us. Where do you see the difference between these two kingdoms?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Where do you see evidence of brokenness or the kingdom of darkness around you? Where do you see evidence of God's Kingdom (light, truth, freedom, healing, or hope)?
2. What is one lie that becomes easier for you to believe when you are afraid, discouraged, disappointed, or tired?
3. **"Daily I surrender my truth for His truth."** Is there something you believe or feel that God may be asking you to bring under the authority of His truth?
4. **"Daily I surrender my will for His will."** Where is obedience difficult for you right now? What would surrender look like?

PRACTICE IT NOW

- Sit quietly for a moment with your hands open as a picture of surrender. Ask: "Father, where am I believing a lie or resisting Your authority?"
- If comfortable, share one thing God brings to mind. Then name the lie and bring it into the light (pg. 29). As a group, identify God's truth that speaks against it.
- Pray for one another to recognize deception, trust God's truth, and obey His voice.

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We can walk in His light and freedom as we daily surrender to our King.