

Sermon Discussion Questions  
**Deceivers and Deception**

2 John 6-13

November 12, 2017

1. Do you agree or disagree with what Jeremy said, “If the majority of an entire nation were deceived (Germans), is it not possible that each and every one of us is vulnerable?” (With the implied answer being “Yes”)? Explain.
  - Have you every experienced being deceived.
2. Jeremy shared that we don’t get deceived quickly, but like Hebrews 2:1 indicates we “drift” away from the truth. How can we encourage each other to stay alert without being pushy (or maybe we should be)?
3. Read 2 John 1:7. Notice that they have gone out into the world. That means they have gone public with their views or teachings. Does strong conviction equal accuracy or being right or true? Did you ever have a strong conviction about something and then you ended up being wrong? Or, did you ever listen to “good advice” only to find out later that it was bad advice? What can we learn from this? How can you decipher truth verse deception if it isn’t based on conviction? (read Acts 17:10-12, and learn how people in Paul’s day avoided being deceived).
4. 2 John 1:8 and 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 teach us about building on the foundation of Jesus and the promise of reward to come if we do that well. How are you building your life on the foundation of Jesus? In tangible ways, what do you incorporate into your everyday routines —honestly? Rate your life with Jesus (1 being I don’t even acknowledge Him in my life, to 10 being I love Him and I know that He is always near, and I rely on Him daily).
5. 2 John 1:10 give very practical advice on how to deal with deceivers. When representatives of cults have come knocking at your door, what have you done? What does this verse teach us on what we should do?
6. Finally, in 2 John 1:12, John gives us the key to finding delight in life, and not to get so bogged down with defending ourselves. How well do we practice this (speaking with each other face to face)? What can we do to when someone in our congregation seems to have given up meeting together with other Christians at Fatih Church? (For some get in the habit of doing this (Hebrews 10:23-25))