**FOCUS Bible Study - August 10**

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[**Technical difficulties and introductions @ 0:01**](https://fathom.video/share/BruF_ZE83MYCLqPdjVhc2z3jJkXYgyS6?tab=summary&timestamp=1)

Rick experiences some technical difficulties at the start of the meeting, including issues with a poll he had set up. He introduces the participants and welcomes everyone, noting that the meeting is being recorded.

[**Discussing deception and the Bible @ 2:45**](https://fathom.video/share/BruF_ZE83MYCLqPdjVhc2z3jJkXYgyS6?tab=summary&timestamp=165)

Rick introduces the topic of the meeting - defeating deception. He starts by discussing a poll about whether participants have ever been deceived, and how deception is a growing issue in society. He then dives into Bible passages about deception, false prophets, and the importance of guarding against being deceived, especially as Jesus' return approaches.

[**Avoiding deception through right beliefs @ 13:41**](https://fathom.video/share/BruF_ZE83MYCLqPdjVhc2z3jJkXYgyS6?tab=summary&timestamp=821)

Rick emphasizes the need to be careful about what we believe and who we listen to, using Bible verses to show how deception often starts with pride, fear, or trusting in ourselves rather than God. He cautions against being deceived by false teachers or by our own sinful desires.

[**Defeating deception through humility and obedience @ 21:28**](https://fathom.video/share/BruF_ZE83MYCLqPdjVhc2z3jJkXYgyS6?tab=summary&timestamp=1288)

Rick continues unpacking Bible passages that highlight the importance of humility, acknowledging our own sinfulness, and being doers of God's word rather than just hearers. He emphasizes that defeating deception starts with not deceiving ourselves.

[**Closing thoughts and prayer requests @ 1:12:23**](https://fathom.video/share/BruF_ZE83MYCLqPdjVhc2z3jJkXYgyS6?tab=summary&timestamp=72)

Rick concludes by summarizing the key lessons about defeating deception, and invites participants to share any prayer requests. He prays for the group, lifting up specific needs mentioned.