

New Life Small Group Questions - Sunday, Oct 18, 2020

Learning to Pray #8

Lead us not into Temptation

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1. Read Matthew 4:1: Some have said, "God cannot lead us into temptation" because it's against his character, but Jesus was clearly led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. So God does lead men into temptation, but it is the devil who tempts. What's the difference between leading someone into temptation and tempting that person and why does that matter?
2. Read James 1:12 and 1 Corinthians 6:18: Trials are usually an external situation imposed on us while temptation stems from an internal desire. The Bible tells us to STAND FIRM under the testing of trials, but it tells us to FLEE from temptation. Why are we called to approach the two so differently?
3. Read Romans 7:15-19: One critical element to counter temptation is to have a realistic view of your flesh. This realistic view reveals your dependence on the grace and mercy of God and it also allows you to clearly see your temptation areas. How realistic are you in your view of your flesh and what measures are you putting in place to protect your mind and heart, especially in the areas where you've struggled in the past?
4. Read Matthew 26:40-41 and Hebrews 4:12: Three weapons we have in the battle against temptation are WATCHFULNESS, PRAYER and the WORD. But so often we go into battle without these weapons because we're too busy or too tired to prioritize them. Talk about what you're doing to develop these weapons and how God may be leading you to further develop them.
5. Read James 5:16: There is great power in confessing our sins to and praying for one another. So, as you break down into smaller groups, confess where you have fallen short and identify your temptation areas so you can begin to claim victory over them.

Meeting on Zoom, in a parking lot, on a deck, or in a room - Use this format:

1. Welcome everyone - Check-in! *How's everyone doing?*
2. Make plans for any ministry or fun activities you'll be doing soon as a group!
3. Discuss the Small Group Discussion Questions.
4. Share prayer requests and then pray for each other.

If launching or starting a NEW online small group:

1. Pick a couple of friends.
2. Pick a platform to use - (Zoom or any number of options!)