



The Lord's Prayer

LEAD ME NOT INTO TEMPTATION

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As we look at the final message from this life-changing prayer, Caleb teaches us that being tempted is not a sin. It is when we let our temptation cause us to sin that there are consequences. This week we look at verse 13, **do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

READING:

Read out loud together - Matthew 6:9-13.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

Big Idea: Lord make us a people of extraordinary prayer.

DISCUSS WITH THE GROUP: THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR TEMPTATIONS

Truth # 1. We all have temptations that lead to sin in our lives.

- **READ James 1:13-15.** Temptation begins with an evil thought. What can happen when we dwell on an evil thought too long?

Truth # 2. We are too weak to handle temptations on our own.

- **READ Hebrews 12:1-2.** What are some ways that temptation hinders us? What are some ways that you can fix your eyes on Jesus when you are tempted to sin?

Truth # 3. We need God to lead us away from our temptations.

- **READ 2 Timothy 2:22.** Removing ourselves physically from temptation can be the most courageous action to take. What does this passage say to do? Discuss some of the ways that you have had to “flee” from temptation?

The Consequences of our Temptations

- There are CONSEQUENCES for our sins! Caleb shared some stories of the consequences of sins. All of these sins began with a temptation. Have you ever hurt someone else because you fell into a temptation? If comfortable, share.

The Hope of our Temptations

- God is not calling us away from temptation because He cannot forgive us our sins. **READ Ephesians 1:7.** *Redemption* was the price paid to gain freedom of a slave (Leviticus 25:47-49). What does Jesus’ death offer us?
- **READ Psalm 40:2 and Acts 13:38-39.** This is the Good News of the gospel: that forgiveness of sins is available through faith in Christ to all people—including you. Do you ever have trouble believing your sins are truly forgiven? Why/Why not?

Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From the Evil One

- We live in a culture filled with sin-inducing pressure, and we need God's help with our temptations. **READ 1 Corinthians 10:13.** List the promises in this passage.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. God doesn't lead us into temptations, but sometimes he allows us to be tested by them. Why do you think so?
2. We need to pray for God to lead us away from our temptations. Share a time when you felt God help you get away from a temptation.
3. What is an area of your life that you need to stop allowing yourself to slip down the slope of temptation?

COMMIT TO MEMORY:

Throughout this series, commit to memory The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

GOING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 4:1-11. Write down some of the ways Jesus handles temptation.