Introduction: Help your group members engage.

Raise the following question to your group: “Why is it so hard to resist temptation?”

Give time for 3-4 people to share their insights.

Point 1: Engage using the “Think-Pair-Share” technique.

Show your group members the video clip “Potter’s Offer” (3 minutes, 38 seconds) from the movie *It’s A Wonderful Life*. This clip is available on Wing Clips at [http://www.wingclips.com/movie-clips/its-a-wonderful-life/potters-offer](http://www.wingclips.com/movie-clips/its-a-wonderful-life/potters-offer)

**Think-Pair-Share:** As your group members watch the video, ask them to pick two statements that stand out to them that relate to dealing with temptation, especially concerning George’s ability to overcome it.

State the following: “**Think** for 30 seconds on the two statements. Why did you choose them? Discuss these in **pairs** with a person on your left or right who is not your spouse.” (Pause for 60 seconds.) Call on 3-4 pairs to **share** one idea.

Point 2: Check for understanding using a poem.

Have someone read the following poem, “God’s Test.” As the person reads it aloud, ask the rest of the group to glean 1-2 concepts the poet is trying to teach. At the end of the reading, allow enough time for a few of them to share their thoughts:

This life on earth is but a test
Through trials we walk each day
But God will give us of His best
The worst! He’ll take away

The Lord will help us where He can
He’ll take all filth and rot
The choice remains alone to man
To give it up, or not

Yet selfish man is like a fool
The truth; they fail to see
We’re each on earth the devil’s tool
Till Jesus sets us free

The rich, the proud, oft walk so tall
Where egos lift them high
Their pride precedes before a fall
From which so many die

To Christ God’s Lamb, we all must turn
His Flame, our shame to give
In holiness, all filth will burn
And by God’s grace we’ll live

But first we too, must learn to die
Our self must turn to dust
To do, and not to wonder why
What God ordains we must

For Christ Himself, obeyed and died
The Father’s will was done
What hope is left, if when we hide?
Denying yet God’s Son

When on The Rock we have believed
In truth, we find God’s rest
Life’s goal in Christ will be achieved
We’ll pass God’s every test

Conclusion: Challenge your students to live the lesson.

Write the following quote on the board: “The beginning and end of man's rebellion against God was, and is, the lack of a thankful heart.”

Give your group a minute or so to think about this quote. Then ask them to spend a 2-3 minutes with God thanking Him for His love in spite of our rebellion and confessing our rebellion and unthankfulness. Lead the group in asking God to fill you with thankfulness, helping you to see that He is more satisfying than anything this world might tempt us with.

[Source: Francis A. Schaeffer, True Spirituality: How to Live for Jesus Moment by Moment (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 1971), 10.]

Teaching Tip of the Week

Anytime you try something new, like active learning techniques, there is a danger in focusing so much on the activity for its own sake that your group members miss the main point of the session and fail to reflect on what they are learning. The main value in active learning comes from thinking about the activities after they are completed and openly discussing their meaning with others.

Ensure that the sessions you lead use active learning techniques that include suggestions that help students reflect on what they have just experienced. If the group cannot link the activity to a point of learning emphasis, then the activity did not accomplish its intended goal.