

LEADERS:

This is the final week that SG Questions will be provided in 2018. December is "Off", not indicating you're not allowed to meet but saying that to take time away for rest is good. If you do choose to meet one or more weeks, you could simply have conversation without the use of any questions, or you could use the new Advent Guide together and turn those into group questions.

LEARN

Read Matthew 6:13 as a group. What stands out from the text or the sermon on Sunday that was helpful, encouraging, or challenging to you?

What is the difference between testing and temptation? When do they go together?
(Testing events are things God uses for our maturity in Christ and he provides grace for us to succeed in them. Temptation comes from within self, or outside in the world, or Satan, or others to lead us away from God. We are tempted to sin when faced with various tests/trials of faith.)

What is so important about regularly praying "deliver us" and not merely "Help me" or "give me the strength"?

(Deliver means someone stronger is rescuing someone weaker and unable to be victorious on their own. Like a wounded soldier being rescued in a battle they'd otherwise die in. We need to train our minds to rightly see how dependent we are on God... not needing "help" but needing his rescue.)

PRACTICE

Looking back on the entire series on prayer, what is something that is already making a difference in your prayer life? Or, what is something you need to ask God to change you in as you pray?

Time to practice by praying the Lord's prayer together! As a group, take 20-30 minutes to slowly work through the Lord's prayer.

(Leaders: You are encouraged to move verse by verse but of course are free to do as you feel is best. If you pray in order, try to take a full 5 minutes on each of the 5 verses and quietly announce to the group you're moving on by reading the next verse. Encourage people to pray out loud, remembering Jesus uses "us" and "our" throughout. Pray this for yourself and one another.)

CHANGE

Now is the time to say "no more" to prayerlessness in your life. How will you personally start praying more regularly, and/or how will you as a group commit to 2019 being a year of growing in prayer?