

2. It's difficult to watch loved ones succumb to temptation. What strategies have you used to help your loved ones avoid temptation? What behaviors and actions can we take that will increase the likelihood that our loved ones will accept your help?

3. How can your Life Group pray for your loved ones who are succumbing to temptation?

HOW GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO OUR WORSHIP

1. What temptations might worship leaders and pastors face as they facilitate worship for the church? What measures are or should be in place to help worship leaders and pastors avoid temptation?

2. Who/What is the focus of worship? What temptations draw us away from that focus?

3. What does God do during worship that might help us endure times of trial?

KINGDOM BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. The news is full of headlines highlighting Christians behaving badly. Why does the world take special notice when Christians succumb to temptation? Is the world justified in taking special notice when Christians behave badly?

2. What reasons have you heard (or maybe given yourself) for NOT sharing the gospel with your neighbor? Is the opportunity to share the gospel a trial? If so, how do we pass? If not, why not?

3. What temptations might we face as we share the gospel with our neighbors? How can we mitigate against these temptations?

LIFE GROUP
QUESTIONS
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The Lord's Prayer

Why we pray,
"lead us not
into
temptation
but deliver us
from evil"

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



(RE)CONNECTING

WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. The Lord's prayer, (Matthew 6:9-15, Luke 11:2-4) is translated in the ESV as, "...and lead us not into temptation..." Yet, James 1:13 reads, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 127 renders the text as, "And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one." What's the difference between a temptation and a trial?

2. Romans 5:1-11. In your own words, what is God telling us in this text?

3. Verse 1 says the church is justified by faith. Verse 9 says the church is justified by the blood of Christ. What does it mean to be justified?

4. Verse 4 reads, "...and endurance produces character, and character produces hope..." The word the ESV translates as "character" is a difficult word to translate into English. The word means, "the result of being tested and approved upon the basis of trial." How do trials and endurance produce hope?

5. Verse 5 reads, "...and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Why doesn't Christian hope put us to shame?

6. Read the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 127. Who/what are our sworn enemies?

7. Read the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 128. Why can we trust God to answer our petitions?

8. Read the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 129. What does this tell us about God's character?

HOW GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO OUR LIVES

1. When we face trials, what response does the Lord want to see from us? What response does the devil, the world, and our own flesh desire?

2. When we succumb to temptation, can we blame our sworn enemies - the devil, the world, and our own flesh? Why or why not?

3. If the Lord gives us trials and we succumb to temptation, is it God's fault we sinned? Why or why not?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Have you ever faced temptation that was more than you can bear? Did the Lord provide a way of escape so that you might endure temptation? Give examples of how you've been tempted and how the Lord has provided a way of escape.

5. What temptations do you struggle with regularly? What triggers the temptation?

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7. What strategies do you use to avoid temptation? How can your Life Group help you avoid temptation?

HOW GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO OUR FAMILY

1. Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. During the holidays we often mingle with friends and family we haven't seen in a long time. What trials are you likely to endure in the coming months as you interact with family? How will you take advantage of the trials that are coming your way?

