

SERMON

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Lead Us Not Into Temptation”
(Matthew 6:13a)

Pre-Questions

1. When you hear the word “temptation,” what comes to mind first—big moral failures or everyday struggles? Why?
2. Can you think of a time when you faced temptation and depended on God for strength? What happened?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 6:13a. Why do you think Jesus tells us to pray that God would not lead us into temptation? What does this reveal about our dependence on Him?
2. Read James 1:13-15. How does this passage clarify that God does not tempt us, but that temptation comes from our own desires? How does this shape the way we understand this prayer?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13. What promises does Paul give here about God’s faithfulness in temptation? How can these promises encourage us to pray for God’s help in moments of weakness?
4. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. How does Jesus’ experience of being tempted make Him the perfect High Priest to help us in our struggles?
 - a. What role does prayer play in preparing us for temptation before it comes? How can praying this line daily help us stay spiritually alert?

Theological Reflection:

1. This prayer acknowledges that we are weak and need God’s strength to endure. Temptation is not just about external trials but about the desires of our own hearts. Why is humility essential if we are to stand firm against temptation?

Application

1. Identify one area of life where you feel especially vulnerable to temptation. Commit to praying daily for God’s help and strength in that area.
2. Find an accountability partner in your group who can pray with you and check in regularly about how you are resisting temptation.

3. Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13 as a reminder of God's faithfulness when you are tempted.

Closing Prompt

1. How would your spiritual life change if you truly believed God is both willing and able to deliver you in times of temptation? Where do you need to lean on His strength this week?