

WHEN TEMPTATION COMES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JAMES 1:13-16

1 **Our text for the week is James 1:13-15.** How does the context of verse 12 lead us into 13-15?

⚙️ *How does your understanding of perseverance/endurance help you look at 13-15?*

💬 *What is a good scenario for describing how you face temptation? (Examples: A toddler in the candy store who just pulls off the shelf and eats what he sees? A kid who knows what he should or shouldn't do but only resists temptation when parents are watching?)*

2 **How many times have we found ourselves saying things like “God put this temptation in my path” or “Satan’s attack was the reason I sinned”?**

⚙️ *Why do people struggle with blaming God when they are tempted? Can you think of any stories in the Bible where people blamed God for their temptations?*

⚙️ *How has James 1:13-15 changed the way you view temptations? Since God is sovereign, does this mean we are not at fault when we give in to sin? Explain your answer.*

♥️ *What role does God play in your temptations? (See 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 1:5; 4:8-10)*

♥️ *What are some of the temptations you are regularly battling? Feel free to share (or not share) with you're your group.*

💡 *How can your study group pray more effectively for people struggling with temptation? Are there some things your group can pray for you about in the midst of your battle?*

3 **How does Scripture counsel us to overcome sin’s attractions?** If someone felt trapped in sin’s cycle but didn’t know the way out, what verses would you share with them?

4 **If God “can’t be tempted with evil,” what is Satan’s temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4?** Describe how Satan tempted Jesus. Describe how Jesus resisted these temptations. Temptation 1: _____. Temptation 2: _____. Temptation 3: _____.

5 **Human beings are designer desire factories.** What tempts you may not tempt another.

✏️ *What are the internal temptations that pull you off course?*

✏️ *When are you weak when it comes to temptation?*

✏️ *Where are you tempted to sin?*

