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.
	Whow 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 wday 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?

		What times in your daily or yearly calendar are you tempted to sin?	
		Who in your life tempts you to sin?	
		What places or practices offer you more temptation?	
		Why do you give in to your temptations?	
		How can you avoid the path of self-destruction leading to death? (Consider Romans 13:14, 2 Timothy 2:2	2, Proverbs 25:28).
6	Gai Pro in c	Infortunately the result of our giving in to temptation is the oft-repeated desire/sin/death cycle illustrated of Eden (Genesis 3:6-22) and King David with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:2-17), as well as the image overbs 7. Consider one of these case studies and share your findings on the desire/sin/death cycle. We our heart when we judge another's temptation/sin/death cycle? Instead, we ought to help others in the pour own ability to fall into temptation.	gery of the "adulterous woman" from are all addicts of sortsDo we not sin
	•	How have you been an addict to the desire/sin/death cycle?	
	•	How have you cared for your own soul when trying to deal with an addict?	
	•	How have you judged others for their addictions?	
	•	How have you been foolish, in thinking you were above temptation and addiction?	PRAYER REQUESTS
	•	Are you in a dangerous place now, a place you may regret five years from now?	
	Ŷ	If you are in a place of addiction to sin, what do you need to do now?	
	Q	If you are helping a person in sin, what do you need to do? (See 1 Cor. 10:12, Gal. 6:1).	
7	tem	e Lord teaches us how to pray in Matthew 6:13. He instructs us specifically on prayer regarding nptation. What is Jesus' teaching on prayer and temptation? Why do you think he teaches us to pray this manner? Do you pray in this way? Consider Matthew 26:41.	