

Below as in Above
Deliver us from Evil

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

*“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.*

*¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

*¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

-Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ 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. - James 1:12-13 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What dangers (big or small) do you pray for help or rescue from?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Matthew 6:9-13 what does the Lord’s prayer end with? Who is the Evil one? (Luther’s Large Catechism Sixth petition)
- Read Matthew 4:1-11, who is tempting Jesus and how does he tempt him? What are some other names for the Evil one that the bible identifies him as. How can we be protected from him?
- Read James 1:12-13, does God tempt us? Why or why not?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Is Evil and temptation the same thing? Why are why not? Are you sinning when you are being tempted?
- What is the difference between being tempted and being tested? Does God test us?
- How does God deliver us from evil(evil one)? Has evil been destroyed by the power of the cross? If so, why do we still encounter great evils in this world?
- If you could choose one evil to disappear from this world right now what would it be?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- How are your prayer journals going?
- How can you help with the fight against evil?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How’s your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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