

I will not yield!

Ice-Breaker: *(Group Leader - Have everyone in your group answer this question. Start with one person and then proceed around the group in a circle until the last person has answered. Be specific with who you would like to start with.)*

- **Have you ever had road rage?**
 - Go ahead and tell your story!

Matthew 6:13 Tough Text to Consider: *(Group Leader - Ask 1 person to read the following statement by Jesus.)*

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

Group Questions: *(Group Leader - Ask 2 or 3 specific people to answer these questions.)*

- Does God lead us into temptation?
- Do you feel as though God is trying to trip you up to test you?

Juxtapose the statement by Jesus in comparison to this verse:

“Jux·ta·pose - (verb) place or deal with close together for contrasting effect.: “black-and-white photos of slums were starkly juxtaposed with color images”

James1:13-15

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

A story told by Jesus to consider.

Luke 10:30-35 *(Group Leader - Ask 1 person to read the following story.)*

Parable of the Good Samaritan

30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant[b] walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins,[c] telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same

Group Questions: *(Group Leader - Ask 2 or 3 specific people to answer these questions.)*

- Why does Jesus ask us to go and do the same?
- Imagine that you are the person who was attacked and left beside the road beaten. Who are the other players?
 - Bandits =
 - Devil - job description: Steal, Kill and Destroy.
 - Priests =
 - Good Samaritan =

- *What does he do?*

Notice this statement:

Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.

- *What does this mean?*
- *And for your future?*

Take a look at this verse in the Lord's prayer in the New Living Translation:

*And don't let us **yield** to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.*

Yield: To allow someone or something to go in front of you.

- Normally this is a good thing to do but not when it comes to temptation.
- The admonition from Jesus is to ask God or Father to keep us from allowing temptations to get in front of us.
- And in that we ask God to keep the evil one from getting at us from out of nowhere like the bandits.

Consider: *Following Jesus without temptations between you and him. What are Scriptures that speak to the life you would have without yielding to Temptations. This prayer invites God to place a stamp over your life that says, "I will not yield!"*

Closing Memorization: *(Group Leader - Ask the group to quote this from memory.)*

- *Our Father in Heaven. May your name be kept Holy. May your kingdom come, soon. May your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us **yield** to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.*

Closing Prayer: *(Group Leader - Please pray this with your group.)*

- God, keep us from yielding to temptations that destroy us. Keep us from the evil one.

Thanks: Thanks to everyone for coming to group.