

Book Club

Your Response When Temptation Strikes



Message Summary

We all face temptation every day, but we can fight and overcome it. Our enemy is strong, but the good news is that Jesus came to fight alongside us.

Key Scripture

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. James 1:14-18 ESV

Additional Scriptures

- Romans 7:19 NIV
- 1 John 3:8 NASB
- Isaiah 61:1 NASB
- Luke 11:21-22 NASB1995
- 2 Timothy 2:22 NIV
- Colossians 2:15 NIV
- 1 Timothy 4:16 NIV
- Matthew 26:41 ESV
- Romans 13:14 ESV
- Philippians 3:8 NASB

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Would you rather play a game of strategy or a game of luck?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read **James 1:14-18**. How does this passage help you understand our battle to fight temptation?
- What are some ways the enemy attacks people? How can having a strategy in place help someone fight back against temptations?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about a time when you overcame a temptation. What did you learn about having a strategy in place to fight temptations, and how did it impact your relationship with God and others?
- Is there an area of your life where you're facing temptations? Talk about it with your LifeGroup, and then spend time praying together.

Start Praying

Lord, thank You for rescuing us. Please help us learn how to fight our enemy, who tempts us. Change our desires so that we only want to do what is pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- This week, make a plan to fight temptation. Ask someone you trust to help keep you accountable.
- Start the *Rest and War* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/restandwar
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.