



GROUP GUIDE – *Standing on the Promises* - Wk 3

ARRIVAL / CONNECTING and SNACK 15 minutes

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. If your group met last week, follow up on one another's action steps.

PRAY BRIEFLY FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER:

Have everyone open their Bibles while one person reads each passage of Scripture, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Discuss the questions that follow.

GOD'S PROMISE TO DELIVER US FROM TEMPTATION

Observation:

1. Have you ever used a phrase like, "God won't give you any more than you can't handle"? What were the circumstances surrounding your use of that statement?
2. Paul warned the reader that self-reliance in temptation would lead to falling. What are some ways you have seen this to be true? It can be personal examples, but please be careful not to use the names of others in your examples.

Reflection:

3. Why do you think God allows temptation? Try to use passages of Scripture to support your answers.
4. Share a time in your life when you saw a temptation that you faced lead to taking steps in your sanctification process. How did God draw you near to Him through the temptation?

Discussion:

5. Paul says that God will "provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure the temptation". Does the idea of "enduring" temptation exhaust and overwhelm you? Why or why not?
6. In the message we looked at the acrostic A PLACE as a tool to stand when tempted, A PLACE stands for:
 - Admit you can do nothing without God
 - Pray for help
 - Lean on a specific promise
 - Act
 - Celebrate God for his provision, goodness and faithfulness
 - Expect more temptation and testing

Which of these steps do you normally find easy to do in the face of temptation? Which steps do you find difficult in those same situations? Why?

Surrender: 15 minutes

James 1:2-5 says that we "can count it all joy" when we face different trials because it makes us more complete. Are there areas of your life that God is allowing you to be experiencing temptation or trial that might provide you a chance to be made more like Christ? How can the rest of the group help you endure it?

CLOSING PRAYER: (10 minutes)Pray for one another in light of what was shared today.