



## Life Group Discussion Questions

**Sermon Series:** Pray Like Jesus

**Sermon Title:** Part 7 – Stepping Out and Standing Strong

**Sermon Date:** 2-17-19

**Gospel Gain:** The Holy Spirit empowers us to step out and stand strong.

### Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

What are the biggest temptations that people face today?

What are ways in which people can seek to avoid tempting situations?

### Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this series we desire to take a fresh look at a familiar prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. The Lord's Prayer has much to teach us. Each week we will take a phrase of the prayer and seek to apply it to our daily life. Today's message is about dealing with temptation and avoiding evil.

***Matthew 6:9-13 - Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

What comes to mind when you see the phrase – ***and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil?***

**Read:** James 1:13-15

What are your first impressions of this passage?

What does this passage tell us about God and temptation?

Talk about the process from temptation to death described here. What can we learn about being proactive when facing temptation?

**Read:** Proverbs 4:20-27

What are all of the areas mentioned in this passage that we need to be attentive to in the face of temptation?

**Read:** *1 Corinthians 10:13*

What does this teach about stepping out of tempting situations?

How can we apply this principle to our everyday life?

It is important to understand the tactics of the enemy. Read over these tactics and discuss which one(s) tends to work effectively on you and why.

- **Doubt** - Makes you question God's Word and His goodness.
- **Discouragement** - Makes you look at your problems rather than look at God and His promises.
- **Diversion** - Makes the wrong things seem attractive so that you will want them more than the right things.
- **Defeat** - Makes you feel like a failure so that you don't even try.
- **Delay** - Makes you put off taking the right steps so that spiritual growth never takes place.

**Read:** *Ephesians 6:10-18*

What does this passage teach us about standing strong against the evil one?

How has this passage helped you in practical ways to resist temptation?

**Read:** *1 Corinthians 15:56-58*

What does this say about stepping out of tempting situations and standing strong against the evil one?

### **Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

Is anyone willing to share an example of when God helped them resist temptation?

How did you feel when you experienced that victory and what did you learn?

How can this group pray for you on this topic of resisting temptation?

### **Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.