

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday's message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. Define temptation. In the context of Matthew 6:13, what does it mean?
3. Read James 1:2-4,13 keeping Matthew 6:13 in mind. In light of these verses, what do you think it means to pray "lead us not into temptation"?
4. What does the Bible teach about temptation and trials? Consider the following verses: Matthew 18:7 & 26:41; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 6:1; 1 Timothy 6:9; Hebrews 2:18, 4:15; James 1:2-4,13-14; 1 Peter 1:6, 4:12; 2 Peter 2:9
5. How are we delivered from evil (or the evil one)?

Living on Mission

1. In Matthew 6:12, we are instructed to ask for forgiveness of sins... a request that looks back on sins we have already committed. But Matthew 6:13 is preemptive – a cry for protection against future sins. Both are crucial, but which position do you most often pray from? Do you have a wartime mentality in regard to fighting sin? How is God instructing you to change the way in which you pray?
2. What is your usual response to temptations/trials? How might this prayer enable you to "purpose in your heart" to obey before the temptation or trial comes?
3. Choose a scripture from above to commit to memory in preparation for any trial you might find yourself in now or later.
4. Consider the whole of the "Disciple's Prayer". How will you learn from Jesus' pattern of prayer? How will it change the way you pray for others?

This Week's Reading:

Monday: Matthew 6:13, 18:7, and 26:41

Tuesday: James 1:2-4, 13-14

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 6:1

Thursday: 1 Timothy 6:9; Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15

Friday: Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday: 1 Peter 1:6, 4:12; 2 Peter 2:9

The Boston Team leaves this afternoon. The team members are Pastor Dan Edman, Justin Culbertson, Jason Bohrer, Will Biggerman, Chris Goode, Kaylee Femi, Amber Femi, Spenser Leatherman, Roxie McCutcheon, Michal McCutcheon, Ben Smith, Josh Vance and Timmy Wilkerson. Please pray for the Boston Team this week for safe travel, that the message is heard, people hearts are moved and for the city of Beverly and its people.

Additional Resources:

A Hunger for God: Desiring God through Fasting & Prayer by John Piper
When You Pray: Making the Lord's Prayer Your Own by Philip Graham Ryken
The Prayer of the Lord by R. C. Sproul
The Sermon on the Mount by James Montgomery Boice

Welcome to the Church at Martinsburg!

Whether this is your first time or your next time; whether you are a member or a first-time guest – we want to connect with you! Use the white card with this Loop to relay information to your church staff. Please complete the front so we can update our records and use the back to request information or share your prayer requests. As your pastors, we are honored to pray for and serve you.

Summer Movie Express is winding down for the summer. You still have time to get involved on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Email daniel@martinsburgchurch.org to get involved.

The Boston Mission Team is leaving TODAY. Please begin praying for the local church body we will be serving (Netcast Church), the city of Beverly, MA, and the band of missionaries going.

How will you serve at C@M? Go to volunteering.martinsburgchurch.org.

Please begin praying for the Blackshear Place Baptist Church mission team coming to work with C@M from 08/04/12 through 08/10/12. Contact Dan Edman at dan@martinsburgchurch.org on how you can get involved and serve with them.

Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg's Pastor on call.

David's Mighty Men Bible Study: Meets every other Saturday 9-11am at the Church Office Building. An 8-week study utilizing Courageous movie clips and resources just began. It is not too late to involved. Contact Ray Borden (rtjml@msn.com) and Dan Edman (dan@martinsburgchurch.org) for details or call the church office – 304.596.9330.

Missionary Toolbox:

"Augustine judiciously explains. The sentence ought to be resolved thus, *That we may not be led into temptation, deliver us from evil.* The meaning is: 'We are conscious of our own weakness, and desire to enjoy the protection of God, that we may remain impregnable against all the assaults of Satan.' We showed from the former petition, that no man can be reckoned a Christian, who does not acknowledge himself to be a sinner; and in the same manner, we conclude from this petition, that we have no strength for living a holy life, except so far as we obtain it from God. Whoever implores the assistance of God to overcome temptations, acknowledges that, unless God *deliver* him, he will be constantly falling." John Calvin

"Such is the holy and much-needed petition Jesus has taught us to present. Let it be our daily prayer. Oh, to what evil may one day expose us! – the evil of our own hearts – the evil in the hearts of others – the evil attaching to our professional and business life – the evil, in a word, that lies in ambush along every path we tread. Who can deliver us but He who is acquainted with all our ways, who knows our down-sitting and our uprising, and our thoughts and dangers afar off. 'Lord! You have been my deliverer times without number. When my feet had almost gone, when the clouds were lowering, and the sky was wintry and the winds moaned like a funereal knell, when trouble was near, and evil threatened, then you have delivered! And I will testify to Your faithfulness, and sing of Your love, and extol Your power, that others may take heart and learn to put their trust in You, the Great Deliverer!' Octavius Winslow