

Application Questions:

Note: These questions are recommendations. You don't need to answer all of them and you may include some of your own questions.

Read Proverbs 7

1. This chapter uses adultery for its example of being tempted to leave the path of God. Applying this text to your life, what are some of the temptations that *you* encounter? Remember, you do not control what temptations the enemy throws at you. (Ex: greed, jealousy, lust, arrogance/pride, revenge, bitterness, lying, spiritual apathy...) Where and when do *you* face those temptations?
2. In this chapter we can identify several weapons that the tempter uses: isolation, hunger, tiredness, visual stimulation, abruptness (catching the person off-guard), flattery, not getting caught, and even religion. Reflect on times when you faced temptations. Discuss which of these weapons the tempter most often uses against *you*? Knowing this, how can *you* be prepared the next time the tempter uses those weapons against you?
3. **Read Matthew 4:1-11.** What stick out to you most in those verses? What weapons does Jesus use to fight off temptation? How can *you* implement those same weapons starting today?
4. Is there anything else about the text/sermon that you would like to talk about?

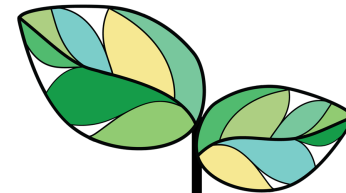
Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread," But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

How can your Discipleship Group be praying for you?

Suggest Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that we'd grow in the areas discussed above. Try to be specific.
2. Pray that we'd build each other up in the Gospel; that we'd grow in humble, genuine holiness; and that Christ would be glorified.
3. Pray we'd have a greater love for our neighbors, that we'd have opportunities and the courage to share the Gospel, and that they'd find rest in Christ and follow Him.
4. Pray for a determination to serve each other especially in times of need.
5. Pray that we'd grow in our desire to worship God consistently with our community on Sunday mornings and throughout our lives.
6. Pray our children would love God and others and that He'd use us to help them.
7. Pray that God would raise more leaders in your Discipleship Group and that your Discipleship Group would mature to the point of starting an additional Discipleship Group. Pray for courage, selflessness, and wisdom in this.
8. Pray that we'd be so overwhelmed by Jesus' sacrificial generosity towards us that we would also be sacrificially generous.



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