



Life Group Discussion Guide

October 4

Temptation

1 Samuel 24

Connect

1. When people hurt you, mistreat you or insult you, what is your natural reaction?

Celebrate

2. Read 1 Samuel 24:1–7. Some are convinced that God orchestrated this opportunity for retribution by encouraging it. In the company you keep, do people tend to encourage you toward deeper trust in God and His timing or toward taking measures into your own hands because of what they perceive you “deserve” especially from someone who is mistreating you? Give an example.
3. How do you define what it means to be tempted? Is being tempted a sin? From what you read in the Bible, how do you know the answers to these questions? (Consider Luke 4, James 1, Hebrews 4:14-16.)
4. When are times of greater vulnerability toward sin for you? At night, when alone, when not grounded in Scripture, when with certain people, when forgetting your identity in Christ?
5. How did knowing who they belong to and what God has said help David and Jesus resist temptation?
6. To what extent does knowing who we belong to and who we are in the Lord help us resist temptation? See the connection between identity and action in passages like 1 Peter 2:9–12 or Galatians 2:20.
7. Divide into groups of men and women. Discuss the ways are you currently tempted toward sin. Share the things you go to apart from God for comfort, security, power or status.
 - Remember Jesus’ provision for you from Hebrews 4:14–16 as you pray together and confess those things, committing to follow Jesus as Lord instead.
 - What truth from God’s Word might help you now live differently as you resist temptation and encourage each other to walk in truth?

Contribute

Is there anyone in your life who has shared temptations or sin with you and you haven’t followed up with them in a while? Could you follow-up and encourage them?

Is there anything in your conduct around non-Christians currently that would hinder their understanding of Jesus’ work or that would draw them into temptation?

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