

How to Talk to God: Deliver Us from Evil

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1. Discuss the three sources of evil in our lives: the flesh (the evil in us), the world (the evil around us), and the devil (the evil against us). How have you seen each of these influences in your own circumstances?
2. Read Matthew 6:13. Do you regularly pray that God will enable you to avoid sinning? Why do you think Christians tend to neglect this prayer?
3. Have you attempted to overcome your areas of struggle with your own willpower? Why doesn't this work over the long-term?
4. Read Romans 7:5. In what areas do you have a tendency to "spit in Grandma's flowers"? What does this show you about your human nature and the purpose of God's Law?
5. Read John 12:31-33 and Hebrews 2:14. Why is it so important that we rely solely on Christ for the power to resist temptation?
6. Read James 1:13-16. What thoughts are determining your emotions and actions? In what ways do you need to refocus your attention?
7. Read 2 Timothy 2:22. What temptations do you need to run from right now?
8. Who would be a good friend to reveal your struggles to? Are there any temptations that you need to confess to your small group?
9. Have you asked God to deliver you from evil today? Spend some time praying together, asking for God's help in battling temptation.