

## ...When We Are Tempted

### **MESSAGE GOAL**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

#### ▶ **MAIN IDEA**

Temptation to sin is not from God. It comes when we focus on our desires over our destiny.

#### ▶ **HEAD CHANGE**

I will not be fooled by temptation.

#### ▶ **HEART CHANGE**

I will focus on the things God says are good.

#### ▶ **LIFE CHANGE**

I will choose to embrace God's strategy for overcoming temptation.

According to verse 15, what are the progressive stages of temptation or desire (note 2 Samuel 11:2-17)? Have you ever experienced this progression in your own life?

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According to verses 17-18, how do you think followers of Jesus can resist temptation and avoid its progressive stages that lead to destruction described in verse 15?

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We often assume that the best way to fight temptation is self-discipline. Grit your teeth and do the right thing. Just say NO! There is nothing wrong with saying NO! But we also must say YES! YES to the kind of life God wants to give us.

Remembering Sunday's message, what is the best strategy to fight temptation? What can you do to prepare for when you are tempted?

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### **Read**

Proverbs 27:17  
James 5:16  
Galatians 6:1-2

How does Christian community help us fight temptation?

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Who in your life provides you with the support you need to stand strong during temptation? Practically, how do they provide you support?

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Part of the strategy to overcome temptation is investing in things that matter for eternity. What is one God-honoring thing you know the Lord wants you to invest in this week?

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### **OPEN QUESTIONS**

On a scale of 1-10, how much would you say you are loving life right now?

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What are some of the biggest frustrations you are currently facing?

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### **Read**

James 1:12-18

According to verse 13, who is responsible for the temptations we experience? Why can't God be tempted or tempt anyone?

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According to verse 14, where does temptation come from? Being vulnerable, what types of temptations tend to be enticing to you?

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