

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?

OVERVIEW: The Christian is involved in a real and dangerous battle. It is the daily fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil. We constantly face pressure from within and without to compromise and disobey God. God desires to assist us in this battle through the weapon of prayer. In this discussion we will go deeper with the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Define each of the Christian's three great enemies — the world, the flesh, and the devil.
3. Why is it important to overcome temptation?
4. What threats does Satan pose to the believer?
5. Read Matthew 4:1-11 and answer the follow questions.
 - a. What circumstances in this situation made Jesus more vulnerable to temptation?
 - b. What three titles are given to the enemy in this story?

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Matthew 6:13

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- c. How many times did the devil tempt Jesus in this story? Describe each temptation.
 - d. What can we learn from Christ's example about battling temptation?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon and answer the following questions.
- a. What does the petition, "Lead us not into temptation" mean?
 - b. How can you tell if you are praying this prayer sincerely?
 - c. What does "deliver us from evil" mean?
 - d. Other than pray for God's help, what else can and must we do to overcome temptation?

The Last Word: "A Christian's whole life is temptation." —Augustine

