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Discipleship Phrase: His kingdom over mine. Big Idea for Series: On earth as it is in Heaven.

Abiding (grow as a disciple yourself)

As you journey through this week, spend time in prayer about how you can better work through temptation. Maybe journal through or talk with a trusted friend about what God is saying and the direction He is leading. Take a quick inventory of the three main temptations you face personally. How do you combat these temptations when they arise? Do you offer up God's word in those moments or do you try to do battle in your own strength? Relying on the Lord alone is the only way.

Leading (facilitate your group effectively)

This week it will be crucial to lead vulnerably. Be sure to pray before sharing, but please share a temptation you have struggled with and the steps you have taken (along with His help) to move forward through it. Temptation is a tough subject to discuss because as human beings we don't always deal with it so well. Some of us could still be living out the consequences of falling into various types of temptation. The hurt and pain of these things are very real. Life Group is supposed to be a safe space for us to be able to process these things, and perhaps some might share these things for the first time. Be mindful to listen well, not to judge and always be pointing back to God's word and his unfailing love and endless forgiveness.

Shepherding (know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)

Make yourself available to your members this week via text, email or phone to follow up with them on this vulnerable topic. Be ready to share your struggles and successes with temptation over the years. If someone in your group was able to stay fairly silent and fly under the radar, they might not quite be ready to share something as sensitive as temptation with the entire group just yet. One on one might be the best way to allow space for sharing in depth. Be intentional and make time to shepherd your group members well.

<u>Church Announcements</u> (be in the know & share with your group)

The Infusion Bible Conference is happening Monday November 8-Wednesday November 10th. At this 3-day event led by Brad Gray you will learn to study the Bible with greater confidence by understating its original context. Click <u>here</u> to register!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader



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Welcome/Introductions (creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone)

Open in Prayer (kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (choose one that is best for your group this week)

Weekly Vision Checklist (See Flipbook re: announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching)

Ask a Hook Question (a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction) What's something from your childhood you found especially tempting?

Recap the Message (ask a *couple* people to share what stood out to them in this week's message)

Scriptures References (Read scriptures directly from the Bible—it carries its own authority) Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV), Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV), Matthew 26:36-42 9ESV), James 1:13 (ESV), 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV), Philippians 4:4-13 (ESV)

Implications (takeaways from the message)

- 1. Even Jesus was tempted.
- 2. Jesus conquered temptation by focusing on God's Word and surrendering to God's Will.
- 3. God has provided us with power to live in victory today.
- 4. If we desire to live out obedience well, we need one another.

Discussion Questions (going beyond the surface)

- 1. Using 1 Corinthians 10:13 as a reference point, in what way does God step into intervene with temptation?
- 2. When you struggle with temptation, what are some of your, "go-to" practices that help?
- 3. Talk about a situation where you used God's way His way and it set you up for success.
- 4. We have accountability in temptation through our relationship with Jesus and other like-minded people. Knowing this, what are some things you can do to help derail future temptations?

Prayer Requests (record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.)

Closing Prayer (ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly

