

Friendship Group Discussion Questions 5/14/2017

Sermon: “The Three Temptations” – 1 John 2:15-17

1. What is one food, meal, or restaurant that you are consistently tempted to overindulge in?
2. Read the scripture listed above.
3. Remind the group that temptation is not sin and discuss what temptation is good for (reminding us that we are sinful, in need of a Savior, in need of grace, etc.)
4. The lust of the flesh is that temptation to feel physical pleasure from some sinful activity—to do something to make the flesh feel satisfied. Discuss the different ways the temptation of the lust of the flesh can sneak up on us and produce the works of the flesh listed in Galatians 5:19.
5. The lust of the eyes: name the different ways we all are tempted by our eyes and, if you are comfortable, share a time where you have wanted something that wasn't yours or God didn't want you to have it.
6. The pride of life: desiring to get credit or glory for things that others (or God) did. How are the different ways the world wants us to focus on our importance, platform, and popularity? How does this temptation turn into sin?
7. Read Genesis 3:6 – Remind (and discuss if there is time) how these three temptations are in our spiritual DNA from original sin and pray for the eyes and ears to see temptation coming so we can flee temptation and live more fully for God.