

# KINGDOM PRAYER

WEEK 6 (December 13-19)



New Hope | Small Groups



SERMON SERIES: NOV-DEC 2020



## **SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:**

**SAFE GROUP:** everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** What is said in the group stays in the group.

**LISTEN:** really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

**PAUSE:** Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

**NO "CROSS TALK":** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

**NO FIXING:** We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

**NO RESCUING:** When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

**SHARING:** Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

**BE SELF-AWARE:** Be self-aware of how you are personally affecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

**USE "I" STATEMENTS:** It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

**CONFLICT:** When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

## **Small Group Evening Schedule:**

10min - Hangout time

5min - Read Small Group Guidelines - review

40min - **Storying through scripture:**

**GROUP INTERACTION:** Temptation is a trick thing, isn't it? It seems that everyone has something, whether big or small, that tempts us. It could be a certain food or a show we have to watch or something more dangerous that deeply hurts us and others when fall into it. Scripture tells us that Jesus was even tempted but He did not sin.

This week, Tony talked about the tension of temptation and how Satan's tricks really haven't changed in trying to attack us. Today, we are going to look deeper at Matthew 6:13 which asks God to lead us and deliver us. Have everyone **read Matthew 6:9-13** out loud together, then read the passages below and answer the questions. Perhaps break up the passage and have 2 or 3 people read it out loud.

### **READ: James 1:1-15**

In this passage, what are the differences between tests and temptations?

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Write down the steps from temptation to action from this passage:

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How does Satan work to lead people from temptation to sin?

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From this passage, what are some promises or gifts from God?

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### **READ: 1 Corinthians 10:13**

How does God provide you a way out of temptation?

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Take some time to share with each other how you've seen God help you when you've been tempted. What did God do? How did you respond? What tools did you use to fight the enemies work in your life?

### **NEXT STEPS:**

The hardest temptations stay in the dark too often. Satan knows if he keeps you feeling shameful in sin, he can tempt you again. If you are struggling with a repetitive sin issue, it may be time to bring it into the light so it starts losing it's power in your life. Find someone you trust to share with so they can pray for you and hold you accountable.

### **10min - Share prayer requests & pray.**

*(one person write requests and email/text to the rest of the group)*