

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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Linked Up--*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.* [Part 2]

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Scripture--Psalm 23 & Others

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

Main Idea--Temptation Comes from the World, Our Flesh and the Devil. God Will Deliver Us Through Temptation.

The enemy--powerful & crafty

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

Us--Vulnerable and Distracted

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:38

How Does God Deliver Us from Evil?

Sources:

- The World--I John 2:15

Do not love the world or the things in the world

- The Flesh--James 1:14-5

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

- The Evil One--I Peter 5:8
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Methods:

- Make no provision--Romans 13:14
But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
- Flee!--I Corinthians 10:13
No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
- Stand Your Ground--1 Peter 5:8-9
Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

The affirmation of the true disciple: *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

New Life - An Icebreaker for Easter

Easter reminds us that God offers us new life.

By Amy Jackson

With Easter comes the promise of new life. Spend time with your group reflecting on the new life God has given you over the past year. First, read aloud a few of the verses below. Then answer the following questions.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22–23

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26

But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. Romans 7:6

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you. Ephesians 4:22

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:5

Questions

- What new life has God brought into your life over the past year?
- What has God been making new over the past year?
- What signs of new life to come do you see in your life right now?