

Watch and Pray

Matthew 6:13
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF MARCH 15-21, 2026

- (1) Read Matthew 6:9-13. How does the subject of verse 12 connect with the petition in the first half of v 13?
- (2) What is the difference between trials and temptations?
 - (a) What do you see about both in James 1?
 - (b) If God cannot tempt us to sin, how should we make sense of the petition, "And do not lead us into temptation?"
- (3) What can we learn about ourselves as Jesus teaches us to pray the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer (v 13a)?
- (4) What do we learn about Satan?
- (5) How is Matthew 4:1-11 significant to our understanding and application of the sixth petition?
- (6) Spend some time talking through specific ways to grow in making use of the four aspects of God's protection mentioned in the sermon (points II.B.1-4 in the outline). Bring Scripture to bear on each as you're able and the Spirit brings passages to mind.
- (7) If "each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires" (James 1:14), how come it is so important to know our individual sin struggles?
 - (a) Do you see a danger of putting our own safeguards against temptation on others in a "one size must fit all" approach to fighting sin?
 - (b) On the other hand, where can resisting legalism in the pursuit of godliness lead to a loose attitude toward guarding against sin?
- (8) How are you making use of God's weaponry currently in your struggle against sin? How is it going? What needs to change? Pray together and for one another about these things.