

Community Group Discussion Questions

“The Fight” Matt 6:13 Feb 11/12

Getting Started

The freedom of forgiveness causes the child of God not to seek how much one can get away with, but instead how much they can get away from. The tension between these two realities has been considered the “the fight”! The battle is between the desires of the flesh verses the delight of the Spirit, and the one who wins is determined by which one is given permission.

Read Romans 6:1-2, 6, 11-13. These verses give us a very strong word picture of presenting our lives to God each day as if we are standing in a military formation awaiting inspection of our uniform and weapon. **How does this word picture help you realize the importance God places on our wholehearted commitment to Him?**

Walking in victory is determined by recognizing the following principles:

Going Deeper

- I. The Mindset in the Fight: “Lead us” or “bring, carry or cause to”
 - Astonishment: He **would** lead us
 - Admonishment: He **should** lead us

Every moment of every day, we should live surrendered to the leadership of Jesus. Our Executive Pastor, Scott Kindig, recently pointed out that since Jesus rose early every morning to go to a quiet place and pray, ‘The disciples had to start every day looking for Jesus... and so should we.’

**What does your spiritual morning routine look like?
How do you ‘look for Jesus’ to start each day?**

If you don’t, what step could you take to start?

What would that look like?

II. The Misunderstanding in the Fight: “not into temptation”

Note: The Greek word “peirasmon,” translated ‘temptation,’ comprises three words such as “test, trial or temptation” revealing that Jesus is making a clear distinction of His role versus the role of Satan:

- a. God tests to Prove: James 1:12-13
 - b. Satan tempts to Provoke: **Read** James 1:14-15
- Doubt the Plan of God
 - Deviate from the Protection of God
 - Distrust the Provision of God
 - Deny the Power of God
 - Despise the Precepts of God

What are some ways Christians can be tempted and ‘carried away and enticed by their own lust?’

In all temptation, let us not count what is being gained, but instead what is being lost

III. The Miracle in the Fight: “Deliver us” or “rescue through redemption”

Read the promise of 1 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.”

- Reject Isolation
- Recognize Limitations
- Regard Validation

Share among your group why these 3 ideas are so helpful in fulfilling the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13.

IV. The Motivation in the Fight: “from evil” or the “evil one”

Read 1 Peter 5:8-10. Knowing that the Devil wants to swallow up your witness and testimony so you can't help anyone find Jesus, how can you implement these 3 ideas?

- Establish Boldness
- Exchange Bondage
- Embrace Blessing

A man once said, “Every time you are tempted to react in the same old way, ask yourself, “Do you want to be a prisoner to the past or a pioneer for the future?”

Prayer Requests

Pray for a big response among CBC toward local, national, and international missions.

Pray that we would have a heart for the nations.