



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 | TEMPTATION, TESTING AND A WAY OUT

## WARM-UP QUESTION

Can you recall a time in your life when God allowed you to go through a difficult or humbling situation? How did that season shape your relationship with Him?

## DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Deuteronomy 8:2-5

- What do you learn about God in this passage?
- Are there any areas of your life where you struggle to believe that God is enough?
- Based on what we read here, why does God test us?
- Verse 2 says that God tested the Israelites to know what was in their hearts. If God were to test your heart today, what might He reveal about your trust in Him or your obedience to His Word?
- The Israelites' clothes did not wear out, and their feet didn't swell over 40 years in the wilderness. What "small miracles" or signs of God's faithfulness can you identify in your own life that you may have overlooked?
- The Israelites were taught to rely on God for daily provision (manna). In what ways do you struggle to trust God for "daily bread?" Where do you find yourself wanting to be self-reliant rather than dependent on God?
- Verse 5 compares God's discipline to that of a loving father. How have you experienced God's discipline in your life? How did it grow your faith, and in what areas do you still need to trust Him more fully through seasons of correction?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

- What do you feel as you read those verses? And what do you think those feelings tell you about how you view God?
- What role does trusting God play in temptation?
- In verse 12, Paul warns against overconfidence. Are there areas of your life where you might be overconfident in your spiritual strength? How can you practice humility and remain vigilant in your walk with Christ?
- The end of verse 13 emphasizes that God enables you to endure temptation. How can you grow in trusting God's ability to strengthen you during moments of weakness? What spiritual rhythms can help you endure temptation rather than give in to it?
- Have there been times when you've fallen into temptation because you relied on your own strength instead of God's provision? What did you learn from those moments, and how can you approach temptation differently in the future?



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- How can you be a source of encouragement to someone struggling with sin, knowing that everyone faces temptation? What would it look like to walk alongside someone as they seek God's help in resisting temptation?

Read Exodus 3:17

- God promises to deliver the Israelites from their affliction in Egypt and bring them to a land of abundance. How does God's faithfulness to His promises give you hope in challenging circumstances today? What specific promises from Scripture help you find hope when you feel trapped or burdened?
- The Israelites had been in slavery for hundreds of years before God revealed His plan to Moses. When you face long periods of waiting or struggle, how do you maintain hope in God's deliverance? How can you grow in trusting God's timing even when His promises seem far off?
- God's promise was not just for an individual but for the entire nation of Israel. How can you offer hope to those around you who may be struggling with their own difficult situations?

## RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? Tell someone and let them know when you will do it.
- Pray together as a group for God to help each person run their race with focus and strength.