

DEAR GOD! week four

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV, NASB and The Message.

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Series Overview: The longer we're on lockdown, left alone with our thoughts, the more anxious and fearful those thoughts become. What do we do in these desperate moments with our deepest questions? Are there any real answers? In the bleak background of the Jesus story, people wondered the same thing. He responded by teaching them the Lord's prayer. Why? Because he believed these short sentences held the secrets to living well, even, and especially, when nothing seems to be working out the way you wanted it to.

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Ice Breaker - If you could eat one snack for the rest of quarantine, what would it be?

Q1 – Have you ever hit a point in life, a relationship, financial situation, sports team, or school work that you thought, “I can't see a way out of this”? If you are comfortable, please share.

Q2 – Read **Matthew 6:13** – [Read in different translations] If temptation is something we all deal with, why do you believe Jesus is closing out the Lord's Prayer in this way?

Q3 – The statement was made, “**Every temptation can also be viewed as an invitation to submit to God.**” What are your thoughts regarding this statement? Have you ever considered temptation this way before?

Q4 – Read **James 4:7-10** – [Read in different translations] What stands out to you the most in this passage?

Q5 – Read **James 1:2-4** – [Read in different translations] What stands out to you the most in this passage? What would change if you viewed temptation through the lens that it is producing something in you?

Q6 – Think about it: **What if each temptation was part of a greater purpose to produce something greater in you?**

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Check out some resources: Do some research on The Lord's Prayer this week. Book: “A Layman Look at The Lord's Prayer” by W. Phillip Keller. Read James 1.

//THE POINT

Temptation is something we all struggle with.

//MEMORIZE

Matthew 6:9-13 NLT - 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

//PRAY

Take time to pray the Lord's Prayer together. Pray for the needs in your group and ask God for strength as we all struggle with temptation and become the people God wants us to be.