



Week Four | God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle | 08.06-07.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: It seems like we have watched a cotton candy version of our faith become mainstream in our culture. The good news of Jesus is so much better than a sweet and temporary fix for your life. Together, let's discover the rich goodness of Jesus.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What are the temptations you can easily minimize in your life?
- Digging Deeper: How does the pattern of temptation highlight areas where God wants you to grow?

» Observation | Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | God can handle what you can't.

(12 minutes)

- What is something that you are clinging to that would best be handled by God?

» With not For | Reread John 15:4-6; Luke 22:39-46

(12 minutes)

- What does it mean that we can do nothing apart from Jesus? How does connection to Jesus provide protection?
- Why would Jesus' concern for the disciples before His crucifixion be that they would fall into temptation?

» Trusting not Testing | Reread 1 Corinthians 10:6-11,6:18; Numbers 21:4-9, 25:1-9; Genesis 3:1,14-15; 1 Peter 2:24,25

(12 minutes)

- Does it seem out of character for God to take such severe action in the accounts in Numbers? Why?
- What are the similarities between the serpent on the pole and Jesus on the tree? How are they different?

» Running not Relaxing | Reread 1 Corinthians 10:12,13; Hebrews 12:1-7; Luke 12:35-40

(12 minutes)

- Does it seem that temptation is escapable? If so, how? And if not, how could it be?
- How does the promised return of Jesus motivate us to endurance and dependence in our faith?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Abiding in Jesus takes regular rhythms of connection with Him. How can you incorporate these rhythms into the fall to ensure you walk *WITH* Jesus and not just *FOR* Him?
- Close by praying for one another to intentionally apply 1 Corinthians 10 to your lives to avoid future pitfalls and patterns from your past.