



Deliver Us – Message 5

Announcements

Fight Groups // Men, host a Fight group, starting March 26th. This study is a 5-week journey that will equip you to fight the battles you must win; the ones that determine the state of your heart, the quality of your marriage, and the spiritual health of those you love most. Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/mensnight to learn more.

Easter Services // Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/Easter for Good Friday Communion Services and Easter Service Times for each campus.

Warm-up

The Lord's Prayer is not something we simply recite over and over again. How has this series helped you to focus and concentrate on what you are praying?

Word and Application

This message is the fifth step on our journey of The Lord's Prayer: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Was it helpful to learn that this statement does not mean, "God, please don't tempt me to do evil," but rather, "Don't let temptation take us in, but deliver us from evil"? How does the truth that God does not tempt us or put evil desires in our heart challenge prior beliefs you may have had?

- God allows temptations and tests in order to reveal what is within us. What happens if we "fail" the test?
- Our faith is built when we press into God during a trial or test. **Read 1 Peter 1:6-7.** In light of the truth that trials and tests lead us to enlargement and enrichment, is it easier to see why Peter instructs us to "greatly rejoice"? Can you share a past experience that illustrates this truth?

- **Read 1 Corinthians 10:13.** God would love for us to learn many lessons during a trial or test through the instruction, warning and training of His Word. Prayer also allows us to receive the gentle, friendly instruction of the Holy Spirit. Since temptations are going to come again and again, how valuable is it to know that we do not always have to learn everything the hard way through personal experience? What will you do differently when faced with temptation?
- We can practically be delivered from evil each day by putting on the whole armor of God. In order for the armor to be useful, we must know what it is, what's its purpose, and how to put it on.

1. What is the armor of God? **Read Ephesians 6:10-18.** Based on Ephesians 6:10-18 we learn about the 6 pieces of armor: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. Discuss the characteristics of each.

2. What does the armor do? Describe the function of each piece of armor.

The Belt of Truth: _____

The Breastplate of Righteousness: _____

The Shoes of Peace: _____

The Shield of Faith: _____

The Helmet of Salvation: _____

The Sword of the Spirit: _____

3. How do you put on the armor? Putting on the armor is putting the Word to life in our actions. The Lord Jesus Christ is called the Word. How do we daily "put on" Christ?

- We learned from this week's message that we can stand against the tricks of the devil and stand in the evil day when we **see** the Word, when we **say** the Word, and when we **do** the Word. Which one of these areas (seeing, saying, doing) do you need to ask the Holy Spirit for help to accomplish? What are some practical ways in which you can incorporate seeing, saying, and doing the Word each day?
- Based on what you've learned from this message about temptation, tests, trials, and the armor of God, how would you explain these truths to someone who knows very little about the Bible?

Prayer

Pray for the specific needs of the group.