

## **Our Protector and Deliverer**

Discussion Guide | Feb 9, 2020 Matthew 6:13

## **Questions for Study and Discussion**

- \*\* Before you begin, please read Matthew 6:5-13 (these questions will focus on Matthew 6:13)
- 1. Share a time when you asked for help. What were the circumstances, and how did things turn out?
- 2. Is asking for help easy or difficult for you? Why?
- 3. In many ways, Matthew 6:13 acknowledges our need for help in certain areas. In what areas do we need help, according to what Jesus says here?
- 4. Often we try to fight temptation and resist sin on our own. Why is this?
- 5. Who is the "evil one" referred to at the end of Matthew 6:13? How does the identity of this "evil one" reinforce our need for BIG help in the fight against temptation and sin?
- 6. Read the following passages. What does each one say about how to fight temptation or respond to Satan's deceitful attacks?
  - Matthew 4:1-11
  - Ephesians 6:10-18
  - James 4:7-8

- James 5:16
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 7. Read Colossians 1:13 and Colossians 2:15. Based on these verses, in your own words explain how Jesus' saving work on the cross has already "delivered us from the evil one."
- 8. How can Jesus' finished work on the cross help you trust in God's ability to protect and deliver in immediate struggles / situations you're facing right now?
- 9. Share one way that you feel like your faith is being tested right now, or one way that you feel like you're facing a barrage of temptation. What does it look like to respond in the right way to this particular test / temptation?
- 10. What action steps do you need to take today, regarding what you've learned about looking to God for protection and deliverance in the fight against sin?
- 11. What have you learned from Matthew 6:13 that can make a practical difference in your prayer life?
- 12. End your group time in prayer asking God for spiritual protection and "gospel strength" to resist temptation in your own life.