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COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE *PERFECT* PRAYER

7-Week Small Group Discussion

Based on the book of the same title by Pastor Jeff Daws

sessionSEVEN (Chapter 12)

1. Since this is our final meeting of the year, let's talk for a moment about this coming Spring. In January, sign-ups will begin for the spring semester of the group that will run from February through April. We can follow message based curriculum, or any curriculum we choose in advance. Is anyone interested in leading or hosting the group next semester?
2. Today we are going to begin by reading the Lord's Prayer together. (See Bottom of Page)
3. The part of the prayer we are focusing on today is: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." This is asking God to guide our path away from the things that tempt us, and to outright deliver us from them. What are some temptations that you yourself have faced?
4. There is an expression that "if you play with fire, you're going to get burned." This translates to temptation leading to trouble. The best way to combat the temptations that we face is to establish boundaries. What are some examples of the boundaries that we can clearly define and

adhere to?

5. In church or in study you may have heard the word “stronghold.” It can be a positive or a negative. In its positive form it is a place of refuge in “friendly territory” but in its negative form, it’s basically like the enemy has set up a camp right in the middle of your territory. What are some examples of positive and negative strongholds that can happen in our life?
6. Time and time again believers just like you and me break a bad habit, flee from a temptation and move forward only to turn back to the things we know are bad for us. Why do you think we do this?
7. With temptation around every corner, we can all agree that everyone in our world needs Jesus. We start helping this problem locally by serving people. This Christmas season we have an opportunity to come together and serve others as a group. Love Week is coming up and was in the program this past Sunday - were there any events listed that we could do as a group to give people an opportunity for a better life this Christmas?

Let’s close our group tonight by taking prayer requests for the coming week and going to God in prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

(Jesus said)

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV