



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE

January 17

BIBLE PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 10:13

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The book of 1 Corinthians was originally a letter written by the apostle Paul to a church he planted in Corinth. Many people came from all over the world to Corinth to do business and trade. It was an important place and the people who lived there felt like they were pretty important, too.

Paul wrote this letter, in part, to remind the church in Corinth that they shouldn't allow their supposed self-importance to guide their life. Instead they must remember that God has rescued them and that He should be the one guiding their life.

The passage today gets to the an essential human emotion: feeling that what we are up against is too much. Paul is trying to remind us of the work of Jesus and how to approach the temptations we come up against in our life.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
What is the temptation that Paul says is, "common to mankind..."?	Here Paul is referencing the sin of the world. In another one of Paul's letters he says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Rom. 3:23). From birth all of us have fallen into temptation.
If God is faithful then why am I still tempted?	God's faithfulness does not assume that he will takeaway all the struggle from our lives. Instead, it means that God will faithfully be with us through thick and thin, the way a good father is always close to his kids.
What if I feel like my temptation is beyond what I can bear?	That feeling isn't wrong, and most if not all of us have been there. The promise that Paul is making here is that when we feel like we are in too deep in our temptation that doesn't have to be the end of the story because God will be with us and will lead us through.
What if I can't see the way out that God provides in my temptation?	Seeing the way out is connected to our relationship with God. In most cases the way out comes before we are being tempted. The more we invest in our relationship with God the easier it will be to avoid our temptations.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

What are some of the triggers of your temptation? (what are you doing? who are you with?)

What are some things you can replace your temptations with?

Who are three people you can talk openly about your temptations with and ask for their help?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: