

## Temptation

### Starter

In public life you often feel that 'sin' is defined as simply being caught out!  
Can you think of any recent examples? How does a Christian react to this?

### Word - Read 1 James 1:13-18

Choose which questions you feel most helpful to work on. Don't attempt them all!

- 1 What do you think are **the most common temptations** for people in today's society?  
You might suggest different things for children, teenagers, 20-30s, & older generations.
- 2 **Where does sin come from?** You may have answers from other parts of the Bible but focus just now only on where James says sin comes from.
- 3 How would you explain to someone learning English what '**desire**' means?  
Is desire... evil, good, neutral, a combination of these, or what?  
How do your conclusions give us **guidelines for overcoming temptation?**
- 4 Someone comes to you and asks you how to cope with constantly being tempted in some area of life. You could use the leaflet "Temptation & testing - our daily experience" [available on Sunday morning] and ask each member to choose what they think is **the most compelling encouragement to keep free from sin**, and why.  
Or can members suggest other biblical encouragement not on the leaflet?
- 5 Scan through the passage again and find anything which describes **the work of God**.  
Deliberately list each part of **God's nature**, or **God's actions**, described here.
- 6 Use the leaflet "Temptation & testing - our daily experience"  
as a **simple sequence of meditation**, each member reading one section in turn,  
and pausing between each reading for additional comments to be made.

### Prayer

Pray for those baptised at Easter: Ruth Kirkham, Daruni and Arash & Zoha.

Pray for Jacob Adib in Manchester working with students, & his urgent need for accommodation.

Pray for Emily Fuller, chosen for a BMS Action Team and now raising funds.

Pray for Neil & Jane serving & sharing the presence of the Lord in a tragic land in the East.

Pray for Eara Ko as she returns from Korea and prepares for another dental team to Malaga.