



Lead Us . . . Not!

Jesus told his followers to pray to avoid temptation. But before we can pray that with a clear conscience, there are some things we need to ask ourselves first.

Discussion Questions

1. When you were first told about Jesus, was the emphasis more on following him or simply believing in him?
 2. Do you play or have you ever played the "Sin now, Ask forgiveness later" game with God? When did that start?
 3. Read **Hebrews 4:15–16**.
 - What stands out to you?
 - What difference does it make that Jesus was tempted in every way?
 4. Can you honestly pray: "Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil"? Does the thought of that create a bit of anxiety? Tension?
 5. This week, would you be willing to organize your prayers around this model?
 - Address God as Father.
 - Declare His greatness.
 - Surrender your will.
 - Acknowledge your dependence by asking for **provision, pardon, and protection**.
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