

Off the Hook
Small Group Discussion Questions
James 1:13-18

1. Temptation does not come from God; it comes from a world broken by sin. Why do you think it matters to be clear about where temptation comes from before you can resist it well?

2. Temptation works by appealing to our own desires, whether appetites, ambitions, or the need to feel accepted. Which of these tends to be the strongest pull for you personally, and why do you think that is?

3. Temptation always looks appealing at first, but it never delivers what it promises. Can you think of a time something looked good in the moment but led somewhere you did not expect? What did you learn from it?

4. Deception often works by twisting the truth, minimizing consequences, and promising freedom it cannot deliver. What helps you recognize when you are being deceived rather than simply being offered something good?

5. God does not leave us alone in temptation; He provides presence, provision, and a way of escape. What has helped you most in the past when you needed a way of escape from temptation?

6. Being forgiven is not the end of the story; we have also been given power to fight temptation. What would it look like this week to live like you have power over a temptation you regularly face?

Takeaway: Jesus didn't just forgive my sin; He gave me power to fight it.