

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of September 20, 2015

1 Corinthians 10:13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Common English Bible (CEB)

¹³ *No temptation has seized you that isn't common for people. But God is faithful. He won't allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.*

Connection Questions:

1. Read our text 1 Corinthians 10:13. People sometimes who say, "God won't give you more than you can handle" reference this passage to support their claim. Why do they? How can God assist us in life if he chooses not to be the controlling parent but rather a co-creator so we can be our best?

2. How are the clichés "everything happens for a reason" and "God won't give you more than you can handle" similar? How are they different?

3. Discuss the differences between the clichés “God won’t give you more than you can handle” and “God will help us handle all that we have been given.”

4. In the Creation Story, God tells Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree in the garden. What do you think the symbol of the tree represented? God also told Adam and Eve they would have dominion over the rest of creation. What does this statement say when it comes to our relationship with God?

5. New Christians in Corinth had grown up in a world that valued pagan worship and worship of idols. What issues in our culture would correlate to pagan worship and worship of idols?

6. How can developing spiritual habits be helpful in dealing with temptations when we are confronted with them?

7. Examine: You can’t experience forgiveness or heal or grow as a person if you are not open to talking about issues as they arise in your life.