



Going Deeper into

Luke 17:1-4 – “Dealing with Sin”

- 1. Pastor David shared how the phrase, “temptations to sin,” is also translated as stumbling blocks. This word describes the bait-stick of a trap or a piece of rock sticking out of the ground.**

What situations or experiences are, for you, like a rock you trip on or the trigger of a trap that leads you to sin?

Who are some people who have brought temptations to sin into your life, either by enticing you to sin or by acting in such a way that you are tempted to sin in response to them?

What are some ways in which you create temptations to sin in others, when you are the one who brings the stumbling block into their lives?

Pray: Lord, I realize that temptation will come into my life, and that we are often tripped up by situations and people. Forgive me for the times I trip others up, and help me to forgive those who are a source of temptation for me. Amen.

- 2. Jesus tells us to rebuke a fellow believer who sins. The word rebuke means to give proper warning or correction to prevent something from going wrong, not to chastise after the fact.**

Describe a time when you either rebuked another or had a friend rebuke you regarding a sin. How did you feel about the experience?

Proverbs 9:8 says, “Do not rebuke a scoffer, or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.” How do you react when someone warns you about an area of sin in your life?

Describe how you would like for someone to rebuke you about an area of sin in your life:

How do you think you should go about rebuking someone regarding sin in the future?

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for Your gentle correction through Your Holy Spirit and Scripture. Help me to accept rebukes from those who love me, and to be gentle when I rebuke others as well. Amen.

3. **Jesus' answer to the temptations we face and the sin we commit is for us to forgive each other. Yet, the process of seeking or offering forgiveness can often feel like an antagonistic situation.**

Describe a time when you knew forgiveness was needed, but you either didn't want to seek forgiveness or you were unwilling to offer forgiveness:

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. How would approaching that moment of forgiveness in a spirit of love as described in this passage change your experience?

How do you generally deal with sin in your life or from another person, do you seek reconciliation through forgiveness or follow a different path?

How can you make forgiveness a stronger aspect of your spiritual life?

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me and forgiving me of my sins. I want to forgive others as you have forgiven me, and to seek forgiveness when I have wronged another. Amen.