

Read the WARNING Label
Core Group Discussion Guide
December 3, 2017

Message Overview:

“Let anyone who thinks that he stands, take heed lest he fall.” (1 Cor. 10:12) I will admit to having a built-in allergic reaction to warning labels. While some take comfort in knowing warning labels are seeking to spare them difficulty, I tend to think they commit two sins. They either point out the obvious or are trying to control me. But the reality is that sometimes we need warning labels because we aren’t as smart or advanced as we think we are. In this passage, Paul makes this point to the new Christians in Corinth by pointing to Israel’s history and warning them not to get reckless in their faith with their newfound freedom. The truth is that recklessness and pride has frequently destroyed the people God. In this passage, we will look at several areas we can easily become reckless with our lives, how we deal with temptation, and then invite us back to a place of humility and carefulness in our relationship with Jesus. This particular Core Group Study is focused on James 1:13-18 in a discussion on dealing with temptation.

Text:

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- James 1:13-18

Questions for Discussion:

1. What struck you from this morning’s message?
2. Read James 1:13-18 as a group.
3. This passage deals with temptation. When you feel stressed, lonely or discouraged, what are you most tempted to turn to in order to help you cope with those feelings?
4. From James’ metaphors, temptation is clearly not sin. Are there temptations that make you feel guilty simply for being tempted? How does this affect you?
5. James also uses a birth metaphor. In this metaphor, what do you think he means by “conception?”
6. James 1:16 says, “Don’t be deceived.” What in the verses we’ve looked at would keep us from being deceived?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Not only does God not tempt, but He looks to provide us a means of escape. Does that mean there are some temptations we can’t handle?
8. What causes you to want to blame, rationalize and not seek out God’s means of escape? What do you believe sin will provide that God can’t?
9. Is there anyone who is especially discouraged that we can we pray for this morning?