

Weekly Discussion Guide – 4-13-2025

“God’s Protection”

Matthew 6:13, 1 Peter 5:6-11

1. When you hear the phrase “deliver us from the evil one,” what comes to mind? Is there a time in your life when you’ve experienced God’s protection or deliverance in a vivid way?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11
 - What does this passage tell us about our “enemy”?
 - What does this passage tell us about us?
 - What does this passage tell us about God?
3. Verse 6 talks about humbling ourselves before God. How is humility connected to God’s protection? In what ways does pride make us more vulnerable to the enemy?
4. According to 1 Peter 5:6-11, what are the enemy’s strategies? What do these strategies look like in real life? Give practical and specific examples.
5. What strategies are we given in this passage? What do these strategies look like in real life? Give practical and specific examples.
6. Share a time when standing firm in your faith led to growth or freedom.
7. What difference does it make to believe and live as if God wants to not just deliver *to* us, but He wants to deliver *us*?
8. Share prayer requests. Give special attention to where group members need protection – physical, spiritual, mental, emotional, relational, etc.
9. Close by using the Lord’s Prayer as a model. Rather than reciting it, try praying around the hexagon – pray about God’s character, God’s kingdom, God’s provision, God’s forgiveness, God’s guidance, and God’s protection. In your group, you might ask for a different volunteer to take each one.