

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE
Blumenort Community Church

“Deliver us from the Evil One”

February 18, 2024

1. In Sunday’s sermon, the preacher talked about there being three obstacles to understanding Jesus’ words in **Matthew 6:13**. If you had to choose, which obstacle is biggest for you? And why?
 1. *The semantic obstacle*: the meaning of asking God to “lead us not into temptation.”
 2. *The grammatical obstacle*: whether we’re talking about evil in general or the evil one.
 3. *The secular obstacle*: believing in the existence of the Devil.
2. Pastor Darryl Johnson says that “*Jesus’ enemy turns tests into temptations,*” and that this is key to understanding his words here. What do you think of this concept? And does it help make sense of this teaching?
 1. **Read James 1:12-16**. How does the NT author James understand the relationship between tests and temptations? How does he differentiate their source, and does it matter?
3. According to C. S. Lewis, there are two errors we can make when it comes to the Devil. The first, is disbelieving in his existence. The second, is having an unhealthy fascination with him. Which is your tendency? Explain.
 1. According to Jesus in **John 8:44**, Satan’s primary weapon is the telling of lies. This is different than how the demonic is often portrayed. Why is it significant that we get this right?
4. Remember that the Lord’s Prayer is directed to our Heavenly Father. What does comparing this final request to a child asking their parent for protection, help us see about God’s heart for us in this prayer?

