



Communities Discussion Guide

Matthew 6:13

June 7, 2020

Announcements

- Sunday gatherings begin again at the Boys and Girls' Club, Sunday, June 14th, at 9 and 11 a.m.
- Ladies Picnic, Thursday, June 25th, 6 p.m. at Riverstone Park. See web for details.

Discussion

- What would be more tempting to you: A big bowl of ice cream, driving over the speed limit, or procrastinating on a project?
- Read Matthew 6:13

Evil - πονηρός (*ponēros*). adj. **bad, wicked, evil**. *Refers primarily to moral badness but also can refer to an undesirable condition.*

Occasionally *ponēros* may describe something as physically harmful or painful (e.g., Rev 16:2). Usually, though, *ponēros* is used to describe a person (e.g., Matt 12:34) or action (e.g., Luke 3:19, Jas 4:16) as morally evil. People who lack spiritual insight are called an “evil (*ponēros*) generation” (Matt 16:4). Spiritual ineptness or worthlessness is characterized as *ponēros* (Luke 19:22). Satan is called “the evil (*ponēros*) one” (e.g., Matt 13:38, John 17:15), and demonic spirits in general are characterized as evil (*ponēros*; e.g., Luke 11:13, Acts 19:12–16).¹

- What from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- Read the following verses and discuss what the Holy Spirit teaches you about temptation. How do these verses compare/contrast to Matthew 6:13?
 - James 1:12-15
 - Luke 22:39-46
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - 1 Timothy 6:6-10
- What do you feel the Holy Spirit is teaching you this week and what do you need to do about it?

Pray

- How can we pray for each other and those God has brought into our lives this week?