

Lead us not into Temptation, but Deliver us from Evil

**Christ Church Anglican
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Session 1 Discussion Questions

- Have you ever been disappointed in your minister or fellow church-goers; in the efficiency, professionalism, dedication, methods, personalities, etc. of “the church?” And, what did you do as a consequence? Have you ever pulled back for a time from a church or left a church because someone said or did something that irritated or disappointed or upset you? Have you ever moved away from God – from hearing His Word, from receiving the Sacrament of Communion, from fellowship with His People, from participation in ministry or prayer because of your perception of the shortcomings of others in the church?
- Can you think of a time in your life when you had the opportunity to *do something for good* in a certain situation, but for whatever reason you chose not to, and later regretted it?
- In his sermons, Fr. Ted sometimes admits that “inside my head I’m the best Christian you’ve ever met.” Discuss ways that you have found to move from “dreaming aspiration” to “laborious doing” ...an accountability partner or group? ...concrete Christian goals? What makes the difference between thinking “that’s a good thing,” and signing up/showing up to participate in that good thing?
- Are you planning to *do* something to deepen your faith and explore and strengthen your Christian life and become more like Christ this Lent? What is it?

Conclude with this prayer, in unison:

“Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.”