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MISSIONAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

1. What is something that is difficult for you to do even when you know you should do it?
2. Why do you think people sometimes hide their struggles from others?
3. What does this passage teach us about the reality of sin?
4. Why is "trying harder" not enough to defeat sin?
5. What is the difference between trying to defeat sin by yourself and fighting sin through dependence on Christ?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. When you sin, is your natural tendency to run toward God or away from God? Why?
2. What is one practical step you can take this week to fight temptation?
3. Who is someone you could invite into your life for prayer and accountability?
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