

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you personally experienced the temptation to compromise on your Christian values to fit in with the world? How do you respond to those who characterize Christians as closed-minded and intolerant?

- 2) In what ways has this pressure to conform to the world been felt within the Church in our day. What practical steps can a church like ours take to ensure we do not give into the temptation to compromise on our core beliefs?

- 3) Do you agree with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's observations and concern regarding "cheap grace"? Why are we often tempted to avoid topics like repentance?

- 4) What is your response to Jesus' warning that he will fight against those who compromise with the sword of his mouth? What does this tell us about Jesus and our relationship with him?

- 5) How would you describe the "hidden manna" that Jesus provides? Why is this so vital to our success in our battle with temptation and living the abundant life that Jesus promises?

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Take time this week to pray for wisdom to discern the temptations to compromise that exist in your life and for the courage to stand firm in Christ. Pray also for the membership and leadership of our church to be men and women of integrity and conviction who will remain faithful to God's Word in a fallen world.