

# BLESSED ASSURANCE

1 JOHN 5:13

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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## SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:13 ESV

*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

## ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Using a stress scale of 1, being the least and 10 the most, describe a time when you felt uncertain about an event or person.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the statement from the sermon: If you get your theology from feelings or circumstances, you will conclude that God does not love you.
2. Discuss “The Promises of Scripture” and how we should lean on them instead of our feelings. Use 1 John 5:11-13 as an example.
3. Using Romans 10:13 as a baseline, discuss the statement: Don’t put a question mark where God has put a period.
4. An inert grenade was used as an example of a believer who is living without assurance. Explain the difference between living in doubt and security.
5. A Bible reading plan was encouraged to know the promises of Scripture. Share how you stay in the Word so that you may know God’s promises.
6. Satan is an accuser. How should we respond when he accuses us?
7. 1 John 5:10 is an example of the “The Witness of the Spirit.” Share your testimony on how God revealed Himself to you.
8. Discuss “peace with God” and “peace of God” from Romans 5:1 and Philippians 4:7.
9. Discuss “Justified” verses “Sanctification.”
10. 1 John 2:29 was given as an example of “The Work of the Spirit.” Discuss “practices” compared to “always.”
11. Review the “Birthmarks of a Believer”
  - The Commandment Test: 1 John 2:3-6
    - “Keeping the Stars”
  - The Confident Test: 1 John 5:10
    - Belief “about” verses “in” Jesus.
      - Parachute example
      - Review road trip example of flying/driving from VA to GA. Some know when they cross into GA exactly and others just know they are in GA. Compare to salvation.
  - The Companion Test: 1 John 3:14 and John 13:35
    - Worship services and Church Groups are a healthy way to live out love.
      - Discuss the PW culture of Matthew 22, “Love God and Love Others.”
        - How can we improve this and live it out daily?
12. Close in prayer and ask God to not only give you assurance, but to have the courage to share this assurance with others.

## LEADER NOTES

- Don’t forget our annual Church Picnic is coming up on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 12:30 pm. Be sure to have your group register at [mcleanbible.org/prince-william/events](https://mcleanbible.org/prince-william/events)
- Ladies! Join us for the special women’s event on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 am – 2 pm. [mcleanbible.org/prince-william/events](https://mcleanbible.org/prince-william/events)

