



INTRODUCTION

John wants us to be assured of our salvation. He explains that assurance comes from obeying God, for obedience is a sign we love him.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- Do you ever struggle with doubts about your salvation? Discuss.

REVIEW

- Read **1 John 2:3-6**
- Why is obedience a sign that we are truly a Christian?
- **(v4)** What does he mean that the truth is not "in him?"
- What does obedience have to do with love of God or a relationship with God **(v5)**?
- What is the goal of God's commands?

APPLICATION

- How do you know that you know God in a saving way?
- If we are saved by faith alone, why is obedience a sign of salvation?
- What do you learn about your own life from Matt 7:21-23?
- Other than obedience, where do people often look for assurance of salvation? Should we look to those places? Discuss.
- What impact should assurance of salvation have in our life? What impact would a lack of assurance have?
- We have aspirations in many areas of our life. Do you actively aspire to grow in obedience? Discuss.

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?