



JOURNEY GROUPS

JULY 26 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into 1 John 3:19–24:

1. Christians can sometimes struggle with anxiety or insecurity in regard to their salvation. In 1 John 5:13, John writes, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may KNOW you have eternal life." As we finish chapter 3, our goal is to receive the blessing of assurance.
2. Have someone read 1 John 3:19-24. Now, reread verse 19. What two things is John about to teach us?
3. New Testament scholar Leon Morris said, "Believers should live before God not in trembling anxiety, but in calm confidence." Why does God want our hearts to be at peace in his presence?
4. Read verse 20 again. How do guilt and an overactive conscience keep us from experiencing the assurance that God wants for us?
5. Why do we sometimes struggle to forgive ourselves, even though Jesus forgave us long ago?
6. Read verses 21-22. How does obedience and living to do the will of God impact our prayer life?
7. How should we respond when God doesn't answer our prayers in the way we would expect, especially when we think what we are asking for is in His will?
8. Read verses 23-24. Do you remember from the sermon on Sunday? What is so significant about 'believing in the name of Jesus'?

9. From **verse 24**, what is the blessing that comes with keeping these commands?
10. **Read John 14:23**. What does it mean when Jesus says that “we will come to them and make our home with them”?
11. How can we experience this kind of closeness in real relationship with God?
12. Here is the list that Matt gave on Sunday of how we can know we belong to the truth and have our hearts at rest in his presence:
- a. Trust the truth of the gospel – Why is what Jesus did on the cross the foundation of our peace?
 - b. Believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ – What in your life do you need to trust Jesus with and hand over to Him?
 - c. Walk in obedience – How is obedience an act of worship, and how does that drive a close relationship with God?
 - d. Love your brothers and sisters in Christ – Why is love for your brothers and sisters in Christ a proof that you are in Christ?
13. What in your life might keep you from having your heart at rest in His presence?

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