



Blessed Assurance | Sunday, March 22, 2026

(5-10 min) *Optional Ice Breaker: Do you pick your March Madness bracket based on mascot, jersey color, or actual analysis?*

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

SPRING SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

OIKOS, BIG BLUE, and MATTHEW PARTY: Click [HERE](#) for three simple but powerful ways to engage missionally with unbelievers as a group. Make plans with your group to try each one sometime this Spring and let us know how it goes!

HELP SHORT TERM MISSION GOERS: Every short term mission goer needs support: prayer, encouragement, and financial. Choose a goer (or family) from [THIS LIST](#) and commit as a group to support them. Make sure to add your group's name to the list, as we hope to have each goer adopted by a home group.

ALPHA COMETS: Alpha Comets helps UT Dallas international students experience community and explore life's big questions. Help them learn about Jesus and engage the gospel by praying and providing a meal. Learn more and sign up [HERE](#)!

Read God's Word Aloud

1 John 3:10-18

10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Love One Another

11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.



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12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. **13** Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. **15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. **17** But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? **18** Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to "get through" every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

- What are some subtle ways that bitterness or hate has taken root in your heart?
 - Is there a situation or person where you've been struggling with bitterness or resentment?
 - Why should believers not be surprised when the world hates them?
 - Where do you tend to struggle with loving others well?
 - What are some practical ways you can move from saying you love others to actually showing it this week?
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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Praise God for His love that we are called His sons and daughters.

God, search our hearts and reveal and remove any hatred, jealousy or bitterness that has taken root.

Father God, we ask that you would help us to love one another not just in words but with our actions. May we reflect Your love to those around us.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for March

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:35 (ESV)