



Blessed Assurance | Sunday, March 29, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: What's something you feel really confident doing, and something you have little to no confidence in?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

As a reminder, our Good Friday and Easter Sunday service times are different from our regular schedule. Please take note of the following times:

Good Friday (20 volunteers still needed)–[VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

4:00 pm & 5:30 pm- Kids Care is available at both services for children from birth through kindergarten.

Easter Sunday (34 volunteers still needed)–[VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

7:00 am

(7:00 am ONLY service - donuts, kolaches, coffee, and a kids' activity pack will be available. KidCity and LittleCity will join us in service.)

8:30 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

Please see previous guides or email groups@citizenschurch for information on Spring Serve Opportunities!



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Read God's Word Aloud

1 John 3:19-24

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; **20** for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. **21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; **22** and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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 contrast do you see between verses 20 and 21?
- What does John mean in verse 22 by saying we ‘receive from Him whatever we ask’? How should we understand that in light of ‘keeping His commandments and doing what pleases Him’?
- How does verse 24 describe the relationship between believers and God?
- What is the difference between false condemnation and true conviction from the Holy Spirit? Share a personal example of each with your group.
- When are you most tempted to trust your feelings over what God says is true?
- What does it practically mean to “abide” in God, according to these verses?



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- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit helping you know that you “abide in Him”?
 - As a group, how can you help one another fight false condemnation and walk in gospel confidence?
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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Praise God for His love poured out on us as his sons and daughters through the blood of Jesus Christ. Worship His holy name for nailing your record of debt to the cross.

Heavenly Father, we bow before you in humble adoration. We praise your name for the salvation we have received through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We confess our hearts are quick to self condemnation. Lord, help us to discern between false condemnation and the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Search our hearts and reveal any unconfessed sin. Give us hearts that trust your truth over our feelings. Change us through the power of your Holy Spirit working within us. We ask that our lives would bear the fruit of abiding in Christ. Thank you that you are always near, faithful, merciful, loving, and steadfast. For all that you’ve done, and all you are going to do, we praise you!

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)