



## Blessed Assurance | Sunday, April 12, 2026

*(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: If you participated in lent last month, what did you give up and share about how those 40 days went. What did the Lord reveal to you?*

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**LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!**

### *Announcements*

#### ***Advancing the Gospel Among South Asians***

*Join us for a special training on Sunday, April 26 at 2 pm to learn how to love and engage our South Asian neighbors. Led by Ajay Thomas, this training will help you understand culture and grow in confidence as you share your faith (Kids Care available for birth–kindergarten). Register*

#### ***Covenant Membership Class (CMC)***

*Our next Covenant Membership Class is Sunday, April 19 at 2 pm—take your next step toward deeper involvement at Citizens Church. You'll hear from our pastors and elders, and pre-class work is required. [Register](#)*

#### ***Steps Orientation***

*Join us Monday, April 27 at 6:30 pm in the Students Room for our Summer Steps Orientation. This semester-long discipleship program helps you grow closer to God by addressing obstacles and building healthy spiritual rhythms. [Register today!](#)*

***Please see previous guides or email [groups@citizenschurch](mailto:groups@citizenschurch) for information on Spring Serve Opportunities!***



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*Read God's Word Aloud*

**1 John 4:1-6** (ESV)

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

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*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.*

1. *Why is "testing the spirits" essential for a believer—not optional—in today's world of constant voices, noise and opinions?*

2. *What are some cultural messages we tend to believe without testing them against Scripture?*

*(Things that sound good, but aren't truly the gospel.)*



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3. *The enemy uses both false teaching and distraction. Which feels more dangerous in your life right now—and why? Consider this a moment for confession and repentance.*

4. *According to 1 John 4:1-6, what tests can we use to discern truth from deception?*

- *Does it tell the truth about Jesus and the gospel?*
- *Does it align with all of Scripture?*
- *What does wise Christian community say?*

5. *“Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” How does the Spirit’s presence in you change how you face spiritual opposition, or moments of doubt or confusion?*

6. *Scott said discernment isn’t just about avoiding error, but magnifying Christ. How does focusing on Jesus help you resist lies? What could this look like in your Home Group?*

7. *Where are you currently feeling pulled:*

- *Toward a false gospel (success, image, earning, Jesus + \_\_\_\_\_)?*
- *Toward distraction (technology, social media, comparison, politics, etc.)?*

8. *How can we help each other stay alert while also living in Christ’s victory?*

*(Consider adopting a simple group question like: “Does it sound like Scripture and look like Jesus?”)*

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### *Sanctificational Prayer Guidance*

*Praise God that His Spirit lives in you and that it is greater than the things of this world.*

*Pray that God would help your home group to realize the truth from falsehood and to test everything that goes against the truth of God’s Word.*

*Ask God that your heart would turn away from lies and that it would desire truth over the world’s opinions.*



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*Family Memory Verse of the Month for April*

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8b (ESV)