



Blessed Assurance | Sunday, March 08, 2026

(5-10 min) *Optional Ice Breaker: Recall a time when you were caught in a lie. What happened and how did it turn out?*

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 2:17-27

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. **18** Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard the antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. **20** But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. **21** I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. **22** Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the



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antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. **24** Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. **25** And this is the promise that he made to us – eternal life. **26** I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. **27** But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie – just as it has taught you, abide in him.

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.*

- Who is John referring to when he says, “they went out from us”? What does their departure ultimately make clear? (vs 19)
- What does John say believers have received in verse 20? What do we know as a result?
- What are some ways people today might distort or misunderstand who Jesus is?
- When have you believed false things about God? What influences led to that belief? How did you come to know the truth?
- What does it practically look like to abide in Christ in everyday life?
- How can our home group help one another remain grounded in the truth of the gospel?



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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Praise God for the assurance of eternal life in Christ, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit who guides us in truth. Worship Him for illuminating scripture to us, and anchoring us in the truth of the Gospel.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we live in a world with many voices and many claims about truth. Help us to be sensitive to the Spirit, and rightly discern what is not from You. When we are not walking in Your world in Your way, help turn our hearts back to you. As we abide in You, embolden us to walk confidently in the truth of your Word, producing the fruit of righteousness. Change our hearts and minds, making us look more like Jesus in the ways we love, think, feel, and act.

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)