

**JESUS  
SAVES**

# ASSURANCE

## Important Definition

**Assurance:** A growing \_\_\_\_\_ of and \_\_\_\_\_ in my salvation.

## Assurance in the Bible:

- **1 John 5.12-13:** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God \_\_\_\_\_ that you have eternal life.
- **Romans 8.16:** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Matthew 7.17-20:** So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit . . . Thus you will \_\_\_\_\_ by their fruits.
- **James 2.18:** I will \_\_\_\_\_ my faith by my works.
- **1 John 5.18:** We \_\_\_\_\_ that everyone who has been born of God does not \_\_\_\_\_.
- **1 John 2.24:** If what you heard from the beginning \_\_\_\_\_, then you too will \_\_\_\_\_ the Son and in the Father.

## Am I really a Christian? Four responses:

- *I'm sure I am* (but I'm \_\_\_\_\_).
- *I'm sure* \_\_\_\_\_.
- *I'm* \_\_\_\_\_.
- *I'm sure and* \_\_\_\_\_.

## False Assurance sounds like this . . .

- *I prayed the* \_\_\_\_\_.
- *My* \_\_\_\_\_ *is saved . . . I hang out with* \_\_\_\_\_.
- *I'm a* \_\_\_\_\_.

## True Assurance is like this . . .

- *I know the only reason I'm forgiven and going to heaven is* \_\_\_\_\_.
- *There is* \_\_\_\_\_ *that Jesus has saved me.*
- *You can see,* \_\_\_\_\_ *in my Christian life.*

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## STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

1. Review the Bible verses about assurance on your handout. What are some things you learn about assurance in these verses?
2. Pick one of these verses about assurance and write it out below.
3. Review the answers to the question *Am I really a Christian?* Do you know people who might fit into these different categories? Where do you fit?
4. Look at the inadequate reasons people have given to assure themselves and others that they have been saved by Jesus. Are there others you might add?
5. What assures you of your salvation? Confronted by the question *Suppose that you were to die today and stand before God and he were to say to you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?"* How would you answer this question?

As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to bless this series of studies and bring you to a deeper understanding and appreciation for your salvation in Jesus.