

## Small Group Questions

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In the early days of your faith, were you more inclined to doubting your salvation or more inclined to never examine your salvation at all? Give an explanation.

Why is Christian assurance commanded in the Bible? (See 2 Pet 2:10; 2 Cor 13:5; to keep people from thinking they're Christian when they aren't so they can actually become ones; to give the blessing of confidence in your walk with God etc).

What are the 3 places the Bible says assurance comes from? (i.e. God's word- promises like John 3:16; God's Spirit- Romans 8:16; Godliness- 1 John 2:3)

How do we know that obedience to His commands is not necessary for but rather a sign of true salvation? Use verses to defend this.

How would you counsel someone if they someone struggled with doubt as to the genuineness of their faith because their obedience was spotty? (i.e. go after the heart- what are their deepest desires; reinforce the gospel with clarity; help them understand to know God is to love God, which leads to obeying God because to know God is to know He loves you and His commandments are extensions of that love)

How do we know that "knowing" Jesus is more than just knowing facts about Jesus? (see v. 4- the truth has to be "in" you. When it's in you, you'll know because it will make it's way through you until it changes you)

Why does John say the love of God is perfected in those who keep his word? (it takes the love of God to its designed end, destination, completion point. You can't say you truly love God and not obey Him- obedience is fruit of a deep love and belief that what God has to say is best)

To abide in Jesus is to walk in the same way he walked. Why is "abide" such an important word there? Talk about its significance and how it fleshes out in your life.

Accountability question: Have you seen signs of self-selected obedience in your Christian walk? Where do you need to submit to Jesus and fully obey? In what ways and to what degrees do you struggle with assurance in your faith?