

(1) Read aloud Luke 10:19-20; Phil. 4:2-3; Heb. 12:22-23; Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 21:27. Process together your response to the idea that God has chosen you to inherit eternal life and has written down your name in the Lamb's book of life before the foundation of the world. Does that fill you with joy and gratitude, or does it bother and upset you? Explain your answer.

(2) How does the promise of Jesus to his people in Revelation 3:5 affect you? When Jesus says he will never blot your name out of the book of life, do you hear this as a veiled threat or an ironclad, divinely guaranteed assurance?

(3) How does the truth of your security in Christ change your life? What impact does it have on how you live? Are you ever tempted to think that because your name will never be blotted out of the book of life you can live any way you please? Or does this truth stir and motivate you to obedience and heart-felt holiness? Explain your answer.

(4) Can you describe a situation in your experience when you felt deeply hurt that someone forgot your name, or a situation when you felt profoundly honored that they remembered it? Compare those moments with what we hear Jesus say to us in Revelation 3:5-6. How does it affect you today to know that on the final Day of Judgment Jesus will happily and proudly confess your name before the Father?

(5) Are you ever tempted to think that God has forgotten your name, or perhaps that you are so small and insignificant in the kingdom that you don't matter enough for God to make the effort to remember it? How does the promise of Jesus counteract and reverse that feeling? Beyond the mere fact that Jesus knows our names, what does this mean at the personal and spiritual level? In other words, what does this say about how much he loves you and how happy he is that you belong to him?