

HANDOUT

Session 6: 1 John 5:13–21



DISCUSS

1 John 5:13. **What is the purpose of this letter according to John?**

How would you describe your assurance regarding your salvation?

In the past, what things have worried you, or threatened your confidence in your relationship to God?

If you could talk directly to God, and He would answer you, what would you like to hear from Him to build your confidence in your eternal destiny?

How would your confidence in your salvation change if you focused on God's strength, rather than your own feelings of assurance?

1 John 5:13–15. **What further proof does John give for our confidence in God?**

When have you seen God answer prayer in your life or the life of someone you care about?

What impact did it have on your relationship with God?

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Where have you seen prayer—whether just simply praying or an answered prayer—change the way you approached your Christian life?

1 John 5:16–19. **Rather than police our brothers and sisters, how does John want us to go about helping our fellow believers trapped in sin?**

How could your fellow believers—especially your friends or the people in your small group—pray for you today?

1 John 5:20–21. **What does John remind us about the character of Jesus?**

What does that mean for us? How do we live differently as a result?

What are idols, as Tony described them?

What things in your life tempt you away from fellowship with God?

What do you stand to gain if you refuse to follow the idolatry of our world?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Spend time in prayer this week for one other believer. Pray for them by name that God would deliver them from evil, bring them close to Him, and pour His love out through them.

Write: Take ten minutes this week and write out a list of things that worry you. What do you fear? Then, next to each, write out the character of God that best corresponds to that worry. Keep that list where you can see it every day this week.

Connect: Ask one of your brothers or sisters in Christ how you can encourage, uplift, or pray for them. Then do it. Right there. On the spot.

Memorize: This week, work on memorizing 1 John 5:20. Keep always in the front of your mind that God is true.

Summarize: How would you summarize the message of 1 John? Write it out or repeat it to yourself until you can explain it to a family member or friend. Then, this week, take two minutes and talk about 1 John.