



## Week 9 Message-Based Curriculum

Text: 1 John 5:13-21

### Opening

- Begin with a **brief welcome and prayer** to set the tone for the group time.
- **Introduce the theme:** This week we are closing out our study through 1<sup>st</sup> John. This series hasn't been about removing uncertainty from life—but about **anchoring ourselves to what is eternally true** through a relationship with God.

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## Discussion Questions

### CONNECT

- Have you ever been absolutely confident in something only for that thing to let you down?
- When life feels uncertain, where are you most tempted to look for stability and control?
- Which is harder for you: Not realizing what's coming next or admitting you were confident in the wrong thing?

### DISCOVER

#### *Read John 17:3 together*

- How does Jesus define eternal life in this verse? How is it different from how we normally think about eternal life?

#### *Read 1 John 5:13-21 together*

- How does Jesus' definition of eternal life from John 17:3 reframe 1 John 5:13?
- In vv. 14-15 on prayer, what stands out to you about the confidence John says believers can have before God in prayer?
- How does praying "according to His will" challenge the way we usually think about unanswered prayers?
- In vv. 16-17 John talks about the "sin that does not lead to death" or unconfessed sin.
  - Why do you think confession is so important for the Christian life?
  - What practices of confession do you have in your own life?
- In vv. 21, John ends with the warning to keep away from idols.
  - Why do you think John ends the letter this way?
  - How can good things quietly become substitutes for God in our lives?

- What is one “false sense of security” you need to loosen your grip on this week?

**PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK:**

- Confess one area where you’ve been looking for certainty outside of Christ.
- Pray daily—not to control outcomes—but to realign your trust with God’s will.
- Name Jesus as Lord in moments of stress, fear, or temptation.

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**GROUP PRAYER**

This week, we are going to tie our prayer requests to what we’ve been talking about:

**Pray together for:**

- Honest confession and renewed confidence in Christ
- Deeper knowledge of God, not just more information
- Freedom from idols that promise security but can’t deliver

**CLOSING**

**Share Christmas plans and a reminder to invite others to Christmas Eve services.**

**Encourage your group to sit together for services if you’re all attending the same ones.**