Small Group Guide: The Holy Spirit's Security

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs when a believer is put into the spiritual body of Christ.

2. True believers cannot lose their salvation; it is eternally secure.

3. The Holy Spirit serves as a seal and deposit, guaranteeing our inheritance in Christ.

4. God's love and protection keep us secure in our salvation.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be "baptized into the body of Christ" by the Holy Spirit? How is this different from water baptism?

2. The sermon mentions that the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. How have you experienced this in your own life?

3. Pastor James talks about calling God "Abba" or "Daddy." How does this perspective impact your relationship with God?

4. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is a "seal" and "deposit" in our lives? How does this relate to our salvation?

5. How does the concept of eternal security (not being able to lose salvation) affect your daily walk with God?

6. Discuss Romans 8:35-39. How do these verses encourage you in your faith journey?

7. The sermon mentions that we still struggle with sin even after salvation. How do you reconcile this with the idea of being a "new creation" in Christ?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, practice addressing God as "Abba" or "Daddy" in your prayers. Reflect on how this impacts your prayer life.

2. Write down 3-5 ways you've seen evidence of the Holy Spirit working in your life recently. Share these with the group next time.

3. Memorize Romans 8:38-39 as a reminder of God's secure love for you.

4. If you're struggling with doubts about your salvation, spend time meditating on the verses mentioned in the sermon that speak to eternal security.

5. Reach out to someone you know who might be questioning their faith or salvation. Share the encouraging message of this sermon with them.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for the security we have in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Ask for help in living out the truths discussed today.