



BLESSED ASSURANCE

THE LETTERS OF JOHN

Good morning Church,

In place of our gathering, I encourage you to read the book of 1 John as we prepare to spend time in these letters the next few months.

John tells us the reason for the book in 1 John 5:13.

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”

John writes to Christians to help them have assurance in the truth of Christ and assurance that we truly believe in Him.

Below is a simple guide for how to read 1 John. I pray the Lord meets you wherever you are and uses His word to increase your confidence in who Christ is and who you are in Him.

Pray

Ask God to use His word to encourage, comfort, convict and inform. Pray that God would use His word to make us more like Jesus.



Read 1 John 1:1–5:21

If you are with family or friends, read the book aloud together. John's writing is more circular than other New Testament letters. You will notice he returns to the same themes throughout the book. As you read, pay attention to the words and topics that are repeated.

Reflect

The hope is to simply process what you just read. Here are some questions to consider:

- What is the overall tone of the letter?
- As you read, what questions came to mind?
- What verses encouraged you?
- What step of obedience did the Lord impress on you?
- How did you hear John's pastoral heart to assure believers?

Pray

"Thank you Lord, that we can know you and have confidence that we have eternal life in you. Use the letters of John in the life of your church to combat doubt, deepen our assurance and increase our love for you and for one another. In Jesus' name, Amen."



Wonderful Works of God

A study on God's wonderful works
from His Big Story, the Bible



PARENTS YOU GOT THIS!

Use this Family Guide to review what your kids learned, plan time together as a family, and capture moments throughout the week.

Bible Story

Jesus Taught His Followers
Not to Worry

Matthew 6:25–34

Key Point God knows the needs of His children.

Foundational Truth God Is In Charge of Everything



**MEMORY VERSE
OF THE MONTH**

**You shall be holy, for I the Lord
your God am holy.**
LEVITICUS 19:12 ESV



TIME

Parents, build intentional time into the rhythm of family life for the purpose of thinking about, talking about, and living out the gospel. Use the guide below for family worship.

READ

Matthew 6:25–34; 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 56:3

- What does Matthew 6:25–34 tell us about God and His care for His children?
- How does seeing that God cares for His creation comfort God's children?
- What makes you anxious or afraid?
- What do you do when you are anxious or afraid?
- What does 1 Peter 5:7 encourage God's children to do with their worries? Why?

PRAY

Take turns praying together.

- **Praise:** God, You are... (refer to His attributes)
- **Thanksgiving:** God, I thank you for...
- **Lament:** God, I am sad about...
- **Confession:** God, forgive me for... and help me forgive...
- **Request:** God, I ask you for...

SING

Play your favorite worship songs and sing together. Make up motions to your favorite parts!



Moments

Have each person in your family share something they feel anxious or nervous about. Pray together as a family, and remind each other that God knows what you need. Take some time to remember how God has provided for your family, and praise Him for that!