

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Our hope is that you would continue to both be disciplined, and disciple those around you during these days. Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for the sermon to be delivered via livestream on Sunday. We encourage you to take advantage this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

THEME: What it means to be children of God

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

BIG IDEA: True children of God persuade their own hearts to persist in sacrificial love for their brothers and sisters in Christ.

SONGS: Click [here](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

TEACHING PASSAGE: 1 John 3:19-24

See the **next page** for additional resources, including an activities that can be done with young children.

Discussion Questions:

1. The word "reassure" in verse 19 (ESV) can be translated more literally as "persuade." Why would our hearts need persuasion in times we feel condemned?
2. What's the connection between this passage and the previous (10-18)? What action, or lack of action may cause our hearts to condemn us?
3. How can confidence in God provide motivation for prayer?
4. John explicitly connects belief in Jesus, and loving one another. How would you explain the connection between the two?
5. How do these verses 19-24 take away the doubt that you may have in knowing that you have a certainty of salvation? (Read Jude 1:24)

On May 6, 2020 Junior high students (JHM) are invited to join a Zoom meeting to further discuss the sermon from 5/3/2020. Follow this [link](#) to join. The meeting ID and password for both meetings can be found below. High school students (HSM) will not be joining in a Zoom meeting on Sunday May 10, 2020 due to it being Mothers Day.

Meeting ID: 876 8354 9724
(email abowman@commfell.org for password)

Additional Resources

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¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Additional Questions

1. God is greater than our heart for He sees and knows all. So when we have an uneasy feeling or a trembling about something we said or did, what do you think it means?
2. Do you have confidence before God why or why not? (Read Romans 8:1-11)

Activity: Understanding the Holy Spirit

Say: As a child of God you receive the Holy Spirit the moment you accept Jesus as your savior. Jesus lives in us by His Spirit. What are some ways the Holy Spirit works in our lives? (The Holy Spirit helps, convicts, teaches, and changes us.)

Say: It is impossible to please God outside of Jesus.

Ask: However, as a child of God, who do we have to help us? (*Holy Spirit*)

What does the Holy Spirit do?

HELPS: Every day the Holy Spirit will help you obey Him. Phil. 2:13 ...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

CONVICTS: He will cause you to feel guilty when you sin. John 16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

TEACHES: He will teach you about God while you read the Bible. The Holy Spirit is like a teacher by your side! John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

CHANGES: He changes you to be more like Jesus. God not only forgives your sin; He wants to fill your heart with good things! Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

