

## Assurance in the Christian Life – I John 5:13-17

1. You can have assurance that you have eternal life (5:13).
2. You can have assurance that God hears your prayers (5:14-15).
3. You can have assurance that God hears you as you pray for your sinning brother or sister (5:16-17).

### **Questions for Discussion & Application:**

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. What are the 3 marks of a true believer that we have seen repeatedly in I John? (see I John 4:15 & 5:1... see I John 2:10, 3:10,14,&18-19... see I John 2:3-6)
3. According to I John 5:13 what was John's overarching reason for writing this letter? Has this study of I John strengthened your confidence that you have eternal life? If so, how?

4. Besides our salvation, what else are we able to be assured and confident of according to 5:14-15? What qualification does John put on God hearing and answering our prayers? (see also Matthew 6:10 & Luke 22:42)
5. How do we know that our prayers are according to God's will? What are some examples of things that John says are God's will for our lives in I John? Can you give an example of turning one of these things into prayer?
6. What is a personal example of something you have prayed about that you believe was according to God's will? Did you receive what you asked for?
7. Is it ever difficult for you to pray according to God's will? What makes this difficult?
8. In I John 5:15 we see that we can be confident that we will receive what we have asked from God. Why would having this confidence be important to our prayer lives? Do you experience such confidence in your own prayer life?
9. The assurance that we have in our relationship with God and the confidence that we experience in our praying should lead us to pray for others' needs. What is a need that we should we pray about for others according to I John 5:16?
10. John mentions a "sin that leads to death" in I John 5:16. What do you think is meant by this?