

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

Message: Blessed Assurance

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Memory Verse: John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Believe and share the blessed assurance of life and eternity that is found in Jesus.

Read John 14:1-24

1. The disciples are feeling on edge with what Jesus is sharing with them so Jesus urges them to believe in Him (v 1). What kinds of things tend to trouble your heart most often? Does reminding yourself about Jesus' words and works bring you comfort? Why or why not?
2. Jesus declares He is the way, the truth and the life (v 6). Why do you think the world sees Jesus as a way instead of the way? How do you respond when others believe there are many ways to God? How can we lovingly and clearly share this exclusive truth in a pluralistic world?
3. Jesus invites us to believe in His works as evidence of who He is (v 11). How do the miracles Jesus performed affirm His claims? How do Jesus' works reveal not just His power, but also His compassion and character? What works of Jesus have built or affirmed your faith?
4. Jesus says His followers will do even greater works by the power of the Spirit (v 12). Do you believe this? Do you believe you are equipped to perform greater



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works? One impact of Jesus' miracles stirred the people and created interest in Him and His message. What do you think the response to miracles that happen today would be? What can keep people from stepping out in faith to do the things He has empowered believers to do?

5. Jesus promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit, to be a helper for believers forever (v 16). How have you experienced the help that the Holy Spirit provides? What are some ways the Holy Spirit helps you that you may overlook or take for granted? What does it look like to ask the Holy Spirit for help in real, everyday situations, like parenting, conflict, or decision-making?
6. The world does not accept the Holy Spirit because it cannot see Him or know Him (v 17). Why do you think spiritual truth can be hard to accept for those who do not have a relationship with Jesus? How can we help others become more open to experiencing the Spirit of truth through our witness and love? What is one act of service, personal invitation, or gospel conversation you plan to have this week?
7. Obedience is the way we show our love for Christ (v 15, 21). Are you familiar with Jesus' commands? What does it look like for you to love Jesus through obedience this coming week? How can living a life of obedience draw others to Christ?
8. In contrast, Jesus confirms that people who do not love Him will not obey His teachings (v 24). This teaching is similar to something else Jesus shared that you will know a tree by its fruit (Matthew 7:16). Understanding that no one is perfect, what type of behavior (or absent behavior) would you expect from a nonbeliever? How might your own spiritual "fruit" encourage or confuse someone who's watching your life?



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