

## **BIG IDEA**

"Let me encourage you. Those who believe in Jesus Christ have eternal life. John tells us that we can know that we have eternal life. If you believe in Jesus, remember this promise during the week. Hold fast to this promise. Live out of this promise. Work from this promise. Hope from it. Love from it. Serve from it. Rejoice from it. Worship from it."

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

Read: 1 John 5:13

- 2. What is the distinction between doubting and assuming when it comes to your faith?
- 3. Share a time when you have had one of those "God, we are good right?" moments in your life. Where do you stand on assuming you are good in your faith?

Read: 1 John 1:1-3

- 4. What are "these things" John is referring to? How does the gospel crush any doubts or assumptions we may have about eternal life?
- 5. What is the wake-up call for those who assume they can have eternal life without confession of their sins and a need for a Savior?

Read: 1 John 2:3-5a; 3:11, 14-16, 23-24a

- 6. How does loving others show that we love Jesus?
- 7. In what way did Jesus ask us to lay down our lives for others in love?

Read: 1 John 5:13c

8. When does our eternal life begin? Why should hearing these life-giving words excite us?

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- 1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
- 2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
- 3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
- 4. How are you doing in your intentional relationship with Jesus this week?
- 5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

## **DEEPER**

**Pray:** We would get an opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel and the confidence of eternal life with someone this week.

**Read:** 1 John 5:13, 1 John 1:1-3, 1 John 2:3-5a; 3:11, 14-16, 23-24a. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts.

**Write:** Write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

**Sing:** Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Check out the read section for options)

**Love:** Share this message of hope with someone you love.

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