



## BIG IDEA

*As John concludes his letter, he tells us that not only do we who believe in the name of the Son of God have confidence that we have eternal life, he reminds us that we also have confidence that God hears us when we pray. What a way to conclude a letter!*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

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

*Read: 1 John 5:14-21*

2. Why does John decide to end his letter by saying, "keep yourselves from idols"?

*Read: 1 John 5:21*

3. Those who are born of God do not keep on sinning. John also tells us that we all sin. How do we reconcile these two ideas? How has your life changed in reference to sin after believing in Jesus?

*Read: 1 John 5:18*

4. What is the essence of idolatry? Is there something in your life right now that is more important than Jesus and functioning as your God?
5. Talk about ways in which God is currently protecting you against the evil one? What sins in your life has God freed you from?
6. We keep others from idols by praying for them. How often do you spend praying for others' sin struggles? Who can you be praying for this week?
7. Who in your Life Group or congregation knows your sin struggles and is praying for you?
8. John tells us that God hears us if we ask him anything according to his will. God's will is revealed to us in his Word. How often do you spend in God's Word each day and how often do you commit his Word to memory? How can your Life Group keep you accountable in reading and in memorizing Scripture?

9. As you reflect on the entirety of the 1 John series, what truth did you need to be reminded of most and why?

## NOTES

### JUST FOR YOU

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 will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
5. Whose sin struggles are you aware of? Who is aware of yours?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** Pray for the sin struggles of other believers in your life.

**Read:** Consider reading 1 John in one sitting reflecting on all that God has been teaching us through this sermon series.

**Write:** Take time to 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. Consider writing in questions for the podcast on the Gateway Church app.

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

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, memorize the verse in 1 John that summarizes the purpose of his letter? Can you remember the verse? Test each other the next time you meet.

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

*Sermon Discussion Guide*

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