

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

MARCH 20, 2022



ICEBREAKER

What are you most excited about right now?

QUESTIONS

This week's message is about the security of the believer. What are your thoughts on whether salvation is something you can lose?

Identify a relationship that you are currently in (e.g., parent-child, husband-wife, grandparent-grandchild, friend-friend). How secure is your relationship? What does it depend on? If you lose it, what do you have to do?

READ

Philippians 1:3-6

QUESTIONS

What emotions does Paul express towards the Philippians?

What do you find encouraging about this passage?

How can Paul be confident or convinced that God will continue to work in the Philippians' lives? (examine the lives of the disciples who followed Jesus, they saw amazing things and still they abandoned him after the crucifixion, Peter denied him 3 times, Thomas refused to believe without a personal experience...and yet God still loved)

READ

Ephesians 1:13-14 and Romans 3:10-12

QUESTIONS

Name something that is guaranteed to happen. What makes it guaranteed?

How does *trusting* something to be true, and *believing* something to be true differ from one another? (belief is an acceptance that something is true or exists while trust is to surrender all of yourself no matter what the outcome)

READ

John 10:28-29 and Ephesians 1:5

QUESTIONS

Patrick says, "Doing good doesn't earn your salvation and staying good doesn't keep it." How do these passages connect with your current experiences or with what God has been teaching you?

John 10:28-29 tells us no one can snatch God's sheep out of his hand. What does this mean for you? (God is our Shephard, He protects us and keeps us, Nobody can take away what God has freely given - not even yourself, Your relationship with God is not performance based, He loves you even on the days, seasons, years that you don't)

How does knowing you are secure in God's hand help you confront your insecurities?

READ

Romans 6:1-2 and Matthew 7:21-23

QUESTIONS

So if you cannot lose your salvation, then why not do whatever you want? How does having a relationship with Jesus affect our status with sin? (When we accept Christ's death as the sacrifice for our sins, we don't deny sin, we die to it. While sin will continue to tempt us we should not travel down the same roads that cause us to continue living in sin. Illustration: A corpse no longer participates in the things of this world. As a believer you are given a new life in Christ.)

What do you find challenging in Matthew 7:21-23? (some will be surprised because there was a cognitive understanding of God but not a relationship, focusing on religious rituals (e.g., prayer, church on Sunday, doing good works, etc.) do not imply genuine faith in God, believing in Jesus Christ is more than a religious ritual – His unconditional love changes our desires and behaviors)

PRAYER: How can this group pray for you this week?

Thank you, Lord, for your unconditional love and for your grace to love us even when we don't. We ask you to help us lean in and allow our relationship with you to grow us and depend on you even more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

LEADERS:

Share about Comedy Date Night – All campuses welcome! Mike Goodwin is coming on Friday, April 1st at 7pm to the Richmond Campus. It'll be a great time for laughter (he's a funny dude!) and desserts. Don't forget our 5K is on Saturday, April 2nd. Get your walk or run on! It's not too late to sign up for either of these at rpc.me/events.

Note: Our Sermon Discussion Guides will continue through March!