

# GOSPEL SAVING

## Discipleship Guide #4

### TODAY'S GOAL

- To address doubts in your students heart about their security with God and help them walk away more confident in the reasons why they can be assured of their salvation.

### OPEN IN PRAYER

- Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

### OPENING QUESTIONS

- Explain how last week was focused on what the gospel message is and how this week is focused on how we are saved from sin and secured with God as a result of believing the gospel. The goal of this opening time together is to gain insight on your student's understanding of salvation. Ask follow-up questions when needed. Don't feel a need to answer the student's initial questions/doubts upfront since the purpose of this time together is to search God's Word for biblical truth to shed light on any of their questions/doubts.
- Discuss: **Where would you put yourself on the scale from 1-10 (1 – not confident 10 – absolutely confident) of how confident you are that you are going to heaven? Why did you give yourself that score?** If they answer 10, great! If your student(s) answers anything below a 10 Discuss: **What questions or doubts hold you back from being 100% confident that you will go to heaven?** End by explaining that you are going to walk through biblical reasons for why we can give ourselves a 10 in regard to the above answer.
- Discuss: **If you were to stand before God today and He were to ask you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?** Typically, a person is quick to begin their answer with "because I...". The hope by the end of this is that the student(s) would realize that the only reason why we should be in heaven is "because Jesus...". Whether your student(s) started their answer with "because I" or "because Jesus", share this truth with them as a precursor to the rest of your time together.
- Discuss: **What do you think it means to be eternally secure with God?** Hear any thoughts your student(s) has for this question and then follow it up by sharing what we mean when we use the term "eternal security". The following definition may help: "eternal security refers to the righteous standing and relationship with God in heaven that can never be lost by those who are born-again followers of Jesus".

### DISCOVER WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT OUR ETERNAL SECURITY

- Take this time to reinforce with God's Word to your student(s) that there is nothing we can do to make God love us more or love us less. Do this by walking through the following 5 'key truths' together. First, read the Scriptures and discuss the questions below each 'key truth'. Then, after helping the student(s) generally identify the 'key truth' in each section of Scripture, share the one sentence 'key truth' with your student(s) (use a whiteboard if possible). Make sure your student(s) understands each truth and sees it in the passages before moving on to the next. Key truths are the following in *italics*:
- *God always does what He says He will do.*

- Read **Rom 8:1**, **Phil 1:6**, **John 6:37-40**, and **John 14:2-3**, then discuss the questions: **What do these Scriptures teach us about God's character? What do they say about God's plan for us as His people?**
- *Our eternal security depends upon God, not us.*
  - Read **Rom 6:23**, **Eph 2:8-9**, and , then discuss the question: **In light of these passages, who's effort does our eternal security depend on?**
- *God permanently sees us as holy because Jesus clothed us in His righteousness.*
  - Read **2 Cor 5:21**, **Heb 10:10-14 & 19-22**, and **Col 2:13-14**, then discuss the question: **Based off these Scriptures, what is the reason for why we can forever be seen as perfectly holy before God?**
- *As long as we have the Holy Spirit, we will be secure with God.*
  - Read **Eph 1:13-14** and discuss the question: **What does this Scripture says about the work of the Holy Spirit in our life?**
- *It is impossible to out-sin God's grace.*
  - First, discuss the question: **Have you ever believed that you sinned so much or didn't pay attention to God for a long period of time to the point where you felt like you were no longer 'close' to God, or that He didn't love you anymore? What specifically have you believed could 'remove you from God'?** Then read **Rom 8:38-39** and discuss the question: **What does this Scripture say about our eternal security with God? How does it bring comfort to the any of the previous feelings of 'separateness' from God?**

## ADDRESS DOUBTS AND REINFORCE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR STUDENT(S)

- Discuss: **Which of the 'key truths' did you not understand before and or struggled to believe?** Make sure the student(s) feels confident in each of the 'key truths'.
- Discuss: **How has your view of God changed after discussing the previous Scriptures and truths?**
- Discuss: **In light of the 'key truths', how can we be confident that we are truly one of God's children? What are ways we can be confident that we are going to heaven when we die?**
- Discuss: **Now, where would you put yourself on the scale from 1-10 of how confident you are that you are going to heaven?** If your student(s) answers anything below a 10, ask them why they gave themselves that score? Then, discuss: **What questions or doubts are holding you back from being 100% confident that you are saved?** Take time to pray for your student(s) in an areas they share here.
- Discuss: **How does it make you feel knowing that there's nothing you can do to lose your salvation? How might this truth of security with God bring hope to the world around us?**

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Read **Rom 8:38-39** again and spend time thanking God in prayer for our eternal security.

