



Gospel Community Study Questions

1 John 5:13-20 | Confident Prayer

Key Passages: 1 John 5:13-20; Hebrews 6:4-6

Big Idea: *Because you know Jesus, and you say no to sin, you can have confidence when you pray*

Read and Recap

Read 1 John 5:13-20

Discuss

Verse 13 is something of a summary sentence for John's first letter. What is he saying is the reason he is writing and has his purpose succeeded with you as you've taken time in this letter over the last few months?

Why is it important that you *know* you have eternal life rather than just *hoping* for it and how would you respond to someone who says "you can't be sure of your salvation"?

According to verses 14-15, what is the prerequisite for having confidence that God hears our prayers? What does it mean to ask for something "according to His will" and how can we know we are praying in line with God's will?

Resting in the will of God is not always easy. Take some time to share together honestly how you find resting in God's will.

What is the "sin that leads to death" in v16/17 and why is John making a distinction here? *Hebrews 6:4-6 might be helpful to read here.* How do these verses and the verses that follow in 18-19 give us assurance when we struggle with sin

Discuss

Take some time to pray for the will of God in your life, our church and our city.

Coming Up

Next week we'll conclude our time in our 1 John series, taking time to look at 1 John 5:21