

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of February 28, 2021

MY STORY

How do you define security? Has there been a time in your life when you felt insecure & what did you do about it?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

In verse 24 the Jews asked Jesus to 'tell [them] plainly' if He was the Christ. How is it that they did not know by now? What keeps people today from knowing who Jesus is?

Why do you think Jesus' miracles were not enough to persuade people of His identity?

Verses 28-30 describe our security as Jesus followers. How does this affect our daily living? Our "performance" as believers versus God's standard of perfection?

"Justification", "Sanctification", "Glorification" sound like levels of Christianity. How would you explain these terms to someone unfamiliar with the Christian faith?

Jim said that God's covenant with Abraham was not based on Abraham's faithfulness but God's. Does that mean that we can live as we please?

How did Jesus answer the charge of blasphemy against him? What did his answer reveal about his accusers?

Why do you think Jesus continually reached out to those who rejected Him? What does that say about our attempts to reach those who are skeptical?

PRAYER REQUEST

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Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary of the Month Please pray for Ruth Parajuli, that she would settle into life in Nepal after being gone for so long.

Woodcutting Join us this coming Saturday, March 6, as we cut and deliver wood to our neighbors in Teller County.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

Secure Salvation

John 10:22-42 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer February 28, 2021

I Words and Works

- His enemies heard His words and saw His works but refused to believe Him
- His sheep heard His voice and received Him

II The Theology of Security

- Eternal life is a gift from the Father
- Eternal life is given by the Father
- Eternal life is guaranteed by the Father

III The Legal Defense

- Jesus appealed to the scriptures to validate his words
- Jesus appealed his works to validate his words