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Groups Sermon Study Questions

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Message Summary

Jesus gives eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in him as a free gift. And God wants believers to know that once established, nothing can break their saving relationship or snatch away their gift of eternal life. Because salvation is a gift, it cannot be earned or deserved. Because God gave the gift, it is guaranteed by his omnipotent power. And because it is a gift, believers cannot sin enough to cause the giver to take it back.

Consider This

1. Can a person know for sure he or she is going to heaven? How?

2. Is it possible for someone who had sincerely placed his or her faith in Jesus to sin enough to lose his or her salvation? Why or why not?

Read John 6:47-51.

Bible scholars agree that according to the grammar in these verses that believers have eternal life immediately—in the present tense.

1. What does having eternal life mean according to verse 51?

Read John 3:15-16, 36, 5:24, 6:40, and 47.

2. Who has eternal life? Would Jesus say he gave eternal life in the present tense, if it could be lost? According to John 6:39, how many believers will be lost?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2 Timothy 1:12, and 1 John 5:11-13.

- 3. Were the apostles, Peter, Paul and John sure that they were going to heaven? Why?
- 4. Can you have the same assurance according to 1 John 5:13? Why?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

Good works do not save, but are a thank you for what God has already given the believer.

5. According **Romans 11:29**, will God ever revoke his free gift of eternal life?

Read 1 John 2:19.

6. What does the Bible say about those who profess Christ and then walk away from the church?

Read James 2:14-19.

7. Particularly noting verse 18b, how do you know if you have "sincere faith" (see 2 Timothy 1:5)?

Moving Forward: Persistent Sin

"If we are faithless, he (God) remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself" (2 Tim 2:13).

God supplied everything for salvation. In the same way, God's grace continues to provide His children with perfect forgiveness and the guarantee of eternal life. Because of our nature to sin, believers will continue to do so. God's promise of sanctification means that He will convict believers of these sins and orchestrate events to grow holiness. This conviction of guilt evidences God's work in the believer's life. When believers confess sin they can have absolute assurance of His forgiveness.

"If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

- 1. Read Romans 7:15–8:2. Has the Apostle attained victory over sin in his life? (V 19) Why or why not? (V20–21)
- 2. What did Paul do about his dilemma? (V 24)
- 3. Why could he give thanks in verse twenty-five according to Romans 8:1?
- 4. Where is victory over sin found? (V 8:2)