

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“How Can I Be Sure That I’m Saved?”

Introduction

This week in our 52 series, we are going to be looking at the question, “How can I be sure that I’m saved?” This is a question we all have most certainly asked ourselves, but we are not the only ones who want to know what it means to inherit eternal life. We see these same questions asked to Jesus.

- Talk about a time when you were uncertain about something. What was something you did to gain certainty in that situation? Did it work? Why or why not

Seek the Word

- Read Luke 10:25-28. The expert on the law asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, to which Jesus responds that he must love God and love people. He says do this and you will live, of course we all know that we are unable to perfectly keep these two laws. Where do we see the people of Israel failing to follow these two commandments?
- Read Luke 10:29-37. The expert on the law tries to justify himself since he also is unable to perfectly follow the law. Jesus then dives into the parable of the Good Samaritan. What actions of the Samaritan do we see that makes him a good neighbor to the man that was robbed?

Go Deeper

Read John 4:1-42. This is one of the longest passages that describes Jesus interacting with Samaritans. How does this broaden our understanding of the culture around the parable? How does Jesus give dignity to those who did not receive much dignity in the Jewish culture of the day?

Talk About It

- How do we go and live as the Samaritan in the parable as Jesus has instructed?
- What can you do to see the one in your life who needs to be loved? Are they family, friends, or coworkers?
- What can you do to make time for the ones in your life who need to experience the love of Christ?

Wrap Up

Reminder: A better question than “How can I be sure that I am saved” is “Is Jesus living in me?”

Challenge: Spend some time this week identifying the one in your life that you need to show the love of Christ to. Take some time and serve that person to show them the love of Christ.