



Blessed Assurance | Sunday, May 24, 2026

(5-10 min) *Optional Ice Breaker: If you could instantly become an expert in one thing, what would it be?*

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

Summer Training Series

We're kicking off our Summer Training Series with a focus on biblical parenting and practical guidance for every stage. Join us Sunday, June 14, at 3pm for Parenting in the Digital Age with John Dyer, professor at Dallas Theological Seminary and author of *From the Garden to the City*. He'll help equip you to guide your children through today's digital world with biblical wisdom. Registration is now [open](#). Kids Care is available for birth through kindergarten.

Family Dinner

Join us for Family Dinner on Sunday, June 14, at 5pm as we gather around the table as one church family. Pizza, bottled water, and coffee will be provided. You're welcome to bring a baked good or dessert to share (please include a serving utensil). If you prefer not to eat pizza, feel free to bring your own meal. [Let us know you're coming so we can plan for enough pizza!](#) Member meeting to follow at 6pm.

Please see previous guides or email groups@citizenschurch for information on Spring Serve Opportunities!



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Read God's Word Aloud

1 John 5:13-20 (ESV)

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. 18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

1. When you pray, are you primarily asking God to accomplish your plans or seeking to align with His?
2. In what ways do you struggle to live out God's will for you right now?



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3. What might it look like for your prayers to become more centered on God's will rather than your personal wants?
4. Do you see your home group as a necessary part of your life as you fight sin?
5. When a fellow believer sins, is your first response frustration and irritation, or compassionate care that seeks to reflect God's light to them? What would it look like for you to confidently contend for and with them as they fight sin?
6. How can your home group come alongside you and encourage you as you confidently carry on in your walk with the Lord?

Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Thank God for the knowledge that through Jesus Christ, you do not have to wonder about your standing before Him.

Gracious Father, you have given us eternal life, not because of our righteousness, but because of Your grace. Strengthen our assurance in the gospel and guard us from drifting into fear, doubt, or self-reliance. Teach us to pray with confidence, trusting that You hear us when we ask according to Your will. Shape our desires so that what we ask for increasingly reflects what You love. When we see a brother or sister caught in sin, keep us from pride, irritation, or indifference, and move us instead to intercede lovingly for their restoration. Remind us that we belong to You, even while we live in a world opposed to You. Give us understanding through Your Spirit so that we may know what is true, walk in what is true, and abide in You.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for May

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36 (ESV)