



Blessed Assurance | Sunday, May 10, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: What is something you learned from your mom growing up, either good or bad?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

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.

Family Serve

Family Serve is a simple way to turn serving into a discipleship moment for your family. This year, we're partnering with Minnie's Food Pantry to provide grab-and-go snack bags for children in need.

Starting May 10, stop by the foyer to pick up snack bags and instructions to take home, pack, and return by May 31—on your own schedule. We'll also provide a short discipleship guide to help your family make the most of the experience. Don't forget to stop by the table beginning May 10 to participate!

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 5:1-12 (ESV)

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have 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. How is loving God directly linked to loving fellow believers in this passage?



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2. What is one "idol" or thing of the world that makes it difficult for you to feel like an overcomer?
3. As believers, we can do nothing good apart from the Holy Spirit working within us. Keeping that in mind, what habits or practices could help strengthen your faith in ways that would help you overcome the challenges of the world?
4. What commands of God do you find burdensome, and how can relying on the Holy Spirit help you follow them with greater joy and faithfulness?
5. What would it look like this week to live like an overcomer in a specific situation you're facing?

Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Thank God that through faith, you have victory over the world!

Ask Him to grow your love for other believers, even those who are difficult to love.

God, You have shown that loving You means keeping Your commandments. Shape my heart so that obedience is not a burden, but a joy.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for May

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36 (ESV)