

The Certainty of LOVE

PODS Small Group Discussion Questions

Read 1 John 5:13-21.

- 1) Certainty of Salvation: Do you know for sure that you're going to be with God in Heaven one day? What do you believe gives you that certainty (or what doubts still linger)?
- 2) If God asked, 'Why should I let you into My Heaven?' what would you say? Would your answer sound more like God's grace or your performance/effort?
- 3) God doesn't want us living in uncertainty. Where do you tend to turn doubt into a "works project" (trying to earn assurance)?
- 4) John ties love and knowing together (knowing God isn't just information, it's a relationship based on his love). How has God's love for you changed the way you love others?
- 5) Secure in Him vs. life's insecurity (health, relationships, finances). Which area of insecurity hits you hardest right now? How might "secure in Him" speak into that situation?
- 6) 1 John 5:14-15 says God hears prayers "according to his will." What does "according to God's will" look like in your own praying, especially when you don't get what you asked for?
- 7) Where have you (even unintentionally) tried to treat faith like a formula to control outcomes? What would it look like to shift to trust in Jesus instead?
- 8) 1 John 5:21 says, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." What is one "idol" you've noticed trying to compete with God in your life (comfort, approval, money, control, relationships, habits, anxiety, etc.)? What practical step could you take this week to "stay away" from it?