

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

That You May Know You Have Eternal Life

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1 John 5:13

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

On Sunday, Bishop Beau Barton preached from 1 John 5 — calling the church to walk in confident "knowing". John wrote this letter to disciples who were being assaulted, doubting their salvation, and shaken in their faith. His response was not a pep talk. It was written truth, given so they would "know".

This guide is designed to help your group go deeper into the truth of that message — moving from hearing to knowing.

Suggested format: Open in prayer, read 1 John 5 together, then work through the questions below.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Bishop Beau said, "Faith will not outgrow your knowing."

- What does this mean to you personally? In what areas has a lack of knowing God's Word kept your faith small or left you shaken?

Leader note: *Help the group see that faith is not just a feeling — it is built on what you know. Encourage honesty about areas of doubt.*

2. 1 John 5:14–15 says God hears us when we ask according to His will.

- How do you distinguish between asking according to His will versus asking according to your own desires?
- What practices help you discern the difference?

Leader note: *Guide toward practical answers — reading the Word, seeking confirmation, praying with patience. Avoid vague spiritualizing.*

3. Bishop Beau described becoming increasingly intentional about prayer — working through a personal process before petitioning heaven boldly. What would it look like in your life to develop that same kind of intentional, will-aligned boldness in prayer?

4. 1 John 5:18 says, "he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him." What does it mean to actively keep yourself? What does that look like in practical terms this week?

Leader note: *Bring this to the personal level — not "what should Christians do" but "what will I do this week." Encourage specificity.*

5. Bishop Beau said that most believers never grow out of immaturity in the Kingdom because they make decisions based on comfort, convenience, or personal benefit — not on what is best for the body of Christ.

Where do you see that tendency in your own life? What would it look like to make one decision this week that prioritizes the body over personal preference?

Leader note: *This question may be uncomfortable. Hold the space. The goal is conviction, not condemnation — and a real decision, not a theoretical one.*

1 John 5:18

"We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him."

Close by having each person name one thing they will do this week to keep themselves — and one area in which they are trusting that God hears them.