



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Ben Adkison // Sunday: July 10, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 3:19-24 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What are some reasons that believers might have a hurting heart? A condemning conscience?
- 5) Why should love for others give us assurance of salvation? Isn't love a natural feeling?
- 6) How can doubt and guilt actually serve to assure us of God's presence in our lives? Do you know anyone who never has doubts and never feels guilt? Does that seem healthy?
- 7) Why do we look to God for assurance and not to our own consciences? What aspect of our conscience is untrustworthy?
- 8) Why can we be sure that God will answer our prayers? Does this give license to ask for whatever we want?
- 9) Why is the Holy Spirit such an astounding gift to every Christian? How does His presence provide assurance? How does His presence enable obedience?
- 10) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).