

## LIVING CONFIDENTLY: REALITY CHECK 5 *1 John 3:19-24*

### Community Groups Homework

#### **Getting Started**

Take time at the beginning of this new session to get acquainted and reconnect with one another.

#### **Going Deeper (Read 1 John 3:19-24)**

1. What do these phrases in the text you just read reveal about John's theme? ***"We know," vs. 19; "assure our hearts," vs. 19; "we have confidence before God," vs. 21; "by this we know." vs. 24***
2. Life is full of uncertainties that tempt us to live in fear and insecurity. Name a few uncertainties that have upset your peace and eroded your confidence.
3. Read verses 16 and 19 again. What are believers commanded to do that will build their lives with inner confidence?
4. Name some added benefits that come to the one who loves another person unconditionally.
5. What emotional stumbling block in verse 20 has the power to keep us from living with confidence?
6. God "knows everything." (vs. 20) Does that make you feel secure or insecure?
7. Has your heart ever condemned you?
8. "God is greater than our hearts." (vs. 20) What does that say to you about how God deals with His complete knowledge of your life?

9. Read vss. 21-22 again. What did you hear God saying in these verses?
  
10. Can you recall an incident when as a child you hid from your parents because of disobedience?
  
11. What happens to our confidence when we live in disobedience outside God's will?
  
12. What benefit comes to those who live in obedience? (vs. 22)
  
13. What difference would it make in how you approached your life if you saw continual answers to prayer?
  
14. What condition do you need to fill in order to live with that kind of confidence?

### **Growing Stronger**

1. John revealed to us that living with confidence depends on believing in whose name?
  
2. Explain why the "name" of Jesus is a key to confident living.
  
3. List some of the names and titles of Jesus given in the New Testament that provide us with a wealth of confidence, e.g., *Good Shepherd, The Way, Alpha and Omega, Living Water, Emmanuel, etc.*
  
4. What does being connected to God do for your self confidence? (Check your sermon outline for the six results of confident living)

### **Getting Together**

1. Appoint a prayer captain for your group and start a list that is kept and reviewed each week for answers to prayer.
2. Share your prayer concerns and pray for each other.