

Questions about How We Know We Belong to Him in 1 John to Ponder or Discuss with Family or Friends

1. When are you most likely to question whether you really are a child of God?
2. Have you ever had friends leave your church for a "better" one? Why did they consider that church better? How did you feel? Would you evaluate that experience any differently in light of this lesson?
3. Do you agree that God wants us to have a "humble confidence" about our salvation? How would you explain to someone else what this is? How would it hinder your Christian life if you did not have it?
4. How does hearing John's three touchstones affect you? What do you think God would want you to do with however you answered this?
5. How do the three touchstones John gives us compare to the touchstones you typically use to evaluate whether you are in good standing with God?
6. How would you explain to someone else what it means that Jesus is the Christ, both intellectually and emotionally?
7. How would you go about doing the idea of spending time regularly reading, praying, and meditating on who Jesus is in order to perceived that truth more deeply in your heart? (when, where, how, what would it look like?)