

Prayer for the Week of March 22nd: We were scheduled this week to pray for our community ministry projects, and please do that. Fire Watch and Katie's Krops are currently on hold, but we are working hard with our teams to continue to serve our community safely and wisely. This week, however, we felt it was more pressing to spend the week praying for our church and our community. Pray that God would keep us safe and that we would be spared from the worst of the Coronavirus outbreak. Pray that our church members, ministers, and elders would have wisdom and courage to continue to love our neighbors during this challenging time. And pray for our church, that we would wisely endure the financial hardship that has come as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak. We were already facing some financial challenges, and without people on our campus on Sundays, our financial situation could become very dire very quickly. Many in our congregation are rightly worried about their finances, and this will be a financial hardship for many in our church. Pray for them as well.

CONNECT Group study questions for March 1, 2020

"Confident Faith"

John, in 1 John 5, gives us three big reasons to be confident in our faith: 1) God, in Christ, has overcome the world for us so that we live in his victory (vs. 1-5); 2) We have eternal life (vs. 6-12); and 3) We can know that we have eternal life right now (vs. 13-21). The Connect Group questions for this week deal with each of these big reasons in turn.

1. Read 1 John 5:1-12. According to 1 John, how has God, in Christ, overcome the world? How do the benefits of God's victory in the world and our salvation abound to us? What does it mean for us right now that we have eternal life?

2. Read 1 John 5:13-21. John is very concerned that the recipients of this letter know that they have eternal life. He doesn't want them to fear. He doesn't want them to wonder. According to 1 John, how can we know that we have eternal life? What dangers do we face if we aren't sure of our salvation?

3. How would you counsel a church or group member who comes to you doubting his or her salvation? How would you communicate the thrust of John's message to him or her? What are the most essential points?