How Can I Be Sure I'm Saved? Leader's Guide

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- 1. How does the devil make you doubt that you're saved? (He's a liar and tells you lies like, "God couldn't accept you. You're too bad.")
- 2. What should you do if you're having doubts about your salvation? (You can't rely on your feelings. You need to rely on the *facts* in the Bible.)
- 3. Do your feelings ever pull you down? Explain. (Answers will vary. Most people struggle when their feelings go up and down. People may not *feel* that God is near. They need to learn not to trust their feelings!)
- 4. What does Jesus promise to do if we open the door of our lives to Him?

 Revelation 3:20 (He says, "I WILL COME IN.")
- 5. Jesus says that if he comes into our lives, we will share a meal together as friends. What do we learn from this? (Opening the door is the beginning of a close friendship with Jesus. Friends eat and have fellowship together.)
- 6. The Bible says, "The Son paid for our sins, and in him we have forgiveness." Ephesians 1:7 What does this verse teach us about believers? (Our sins were taken care of on the cross, and we are now forgiven.)
- 7. What if you mess up as a believer? What should you do? (Confess your sins to God. Ask him to change you. He'll forgive you and cleanse you.)
- 8. What does it mean to be a child of God? (You become a member of God's family. You belong. He'll be your father, and you'll be his son or daughter.)
- 9. "God has given us eternal life and this life is in his Son." 1 John 5: 11 What does this verse mean? (If Jesus is in your life through faith, you have eternal life.)
- 10. Sometimes we feel abandoned by God. Does this mean he has left us?

 Give an answer based on a Bible fact. (NO! In Hebrews 13:5 God says, "I will never abandon you.")
- 11. Can we earn eternal life by being good or performing? (No! We can never be good enough! Eternal life is a gift. Jesus is the only bridge to God.)

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FACT: If we hear His voice and open the door, Jesus comes in.

FACT: We will share a meal together with Jesus as friends.

- 1. Revelation 3:20 Who Is Jesus?
- Calling to us (voice)
- Knocking at door of our lives
- Comes in when we open door through faith
- Eats meal with us as friend

Who Is Man?

- Hear Jesus' voice
- Open door = says yes to Jesus
- Friends of Jesus
- Begin close friendship with Jesus (eating together) when we open door

FACT: We are forgiven if we believe.

- 2. Colossians 1:14 Who Is Jesus? "The Son paid the price to make us free. In him we have the forgiveness of sins." ERV
 - Son of God
 - Paid for our sins on the cross
 - Made us free

Who Is Man?

- Free from sin.
- Forgiven because of Jesus' death on cross

- 3. Romans 5:1 Who Is Man?
- Made right with God because of faith
- At peace with God

Who Is God?

- Not angry at us because Jesus was punished for us, died in our place
- 4. 1 John 1:9 Who Is Man?
- Need to confess our sins to God, freely admit them when his light uncovers them

Who Is God?

- Faithful, just
- Forgives us our sins
- Cleans us from all wickedness

FACT: When you believe, you become a child of God.

- 5. **John 1:12** Who Is God?
- Gives believers right to be his children

Who Is Man?

- Believe in Jesus, accept him
- Become part of God's family

FACT: If you believe, you have eternal life.

- 6. 1 John 5:11-12 Who Is God?
 - Gives us eternal life if we are "in Jesus" through faith

Who Is Man? v.12

- We have life if we have the Son. (through faith)
- We don't have life if we don't have the Son v.12

FACT: God will never leave you.

- 7. <u>Hebrews 13:5 Who Is God? "I will never leave you, never! And I will not loosen my grip on your life!" (TPT)</u>
- Will never leave or abandon Christians
- Holds us firmly
- Who Is Man?
- Not alone, safe, secure.

FACT: We don't get eternal life by being good, performing.

- 8. Romans 3:23 Who Is Man?
- Everyone has sinned
- No one measures up. No one is good enough!
- All are separated from God

Who Is God?

- Perfect. Holy. Pure. Has a glorious standard.
- 9. Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:22 "We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ." Who Is God?
- Saves people because he is kind.
- Gives free gift of salvation to people who believe in Jesus v.8
- Does not give salvation as a reward for good deeds v.9

Who Is Man?

- Can't earn our way to heaven. Can't be good enough.
- Can't take credit for being saved,
- Are saved through FAITH in Jesus

- We can't boast or be proud of being saved. We did nothing to deserve it!
- We are made right with God because of Jesus' death on the cross (Romans)

So What?

- What Bible verses can I memorize, read, hold onto so that I am sure that I'm saved?
- What "facts" in this study are hard for me to believe? Pray about that!