**Doctrine of Eternal Security Discussion Guide**

This week we explored the doctrine of eternal security. God wants us to be secure in our salvation. One reason we know we have eternal security is because Jesus said, “Whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Also, we are in a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit is working in and through us testifying with our Spirit that we are saved. In John 10:28 Jesus states, “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish—ever! No one will snatch them out of My hand.” This statement from Jesus would be difficult to harmonize with any view that allowed a Christian to fall away and perish.

The Bible teaches we are saved and secure in Christ (John 10:27-30). It also teaches that those who are truly saved will live a holy life and remain faithful throughout their lives. They are not perfect, but consistent in their love, dedication, and service of Jesus. However, salvation is never in our hands. The truth is, you and I have no power in and of ourselves to achieve salvation. This means we have no power to take it away either. The result: if salvation is in God’s hands from beginning to end, we are eternally secure in that salvation.

**Key Passage: John 10:27-30**

**Discussion Questions:**

* What does it mean to be secure in salvation?
* What are some reasons we should feel secure in our salvation?
* Why don’t we believe a person can lose his or her salvation?
* If I am saved, what kind life will I live?

**Prayer Focus:**

Spend time thanking God for saving us and securing us in His salvation. Ask God to help you use that truth to motivate you to serve him faithfully.

**Next Steps**

1. Discuss the characteristics and spiritual disciplines involved in living a holy life.
2. What characteristic or spiritual disciplines do you need to put into practice or improve upon? How do you plan to put it into practice?