

3/11/18: Foundations Week 6 - Doctrine of Eternal Security -- Group Discussion Questions

Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the personality of your Group...

Welcome & Intro: High/Low: Have everyone share a high and a low from their week.

Intro Questions: Foundations: 260 Day Reading Plan: what's something that stood out to you this week?

Listeners' Guide: *Be sure to take notes so you will be fully engaged and ready to participate in your brief time of discussion after the teaching!* Pastor Kevin Yi's teaching on the concept of Eternal Security is divided into three main parts. Kevin probably looks familiar to many of you - because he served as a year-long Church Planting Apprentice at Discovery a few years ago, and we have continued to support and be in relationship with him and his South Tacoma church, Kaleo. We love having Kevin join us again! Make note of key points and supporting scripture references that stand out to you from the following:

- How is Eternal Security defined and what's at stake based on our understanding of this concept
- What are common objections to the doctrine of Eternal Security and their counter arguments
- What does the Bible say in support of the doctrine of Eternal Security

Video Response Discussion (*Remember: CHOOSE ONLY those that fit your Group!*)

- What scriptures or teachings from Pastor Kevin were particularly meaningful to you? Was there anything that was challenging for you?
- Pastor Kevin made the observation that often those who struggle with Eternal Security are struggling with the shame associated with failure to overcome a particular sin. Have you ever found yourself questioning your salvation for similar reasons? What could you say in response to those doubts based on tonight's teaching?
- Pastor Kevin uses several illustrations throughout his teaching to explain the concept of Eternal Security (marriage pre-nup, his "demonic" thought, the seal, the botanists and the boy). Were any of these particularly helpful? Did any additional illustrations come to mind, either from your own life, or from general experiences/stories?
- How is our joy impacted by the doctrine of Eternal Security?
- Do you know anyone who might be struggling with their understanding of their Eternal Security? How might you use tonight's teaching to encourage them? Do you know someone who has shown interest but hasn't yet made a commitment to Jesus? How might this teaching help you converse with them more deeply about God's extravagant, gracious gift of salvation?

Break for smaller group Prayer:

- Have everyone take a moment for silent reflection on the group conversation. *What does God most want me to learn, what action is God calling me to take?*
- Share reflection responses - and then personal prayer requests
- Pray for each other's requests AND the actions to which God is calling them.

Scriptures from Pastor Kevin Yi's Teaching on Eternal Security:

Hebrews 6:4-6 (NIV)

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Philippians 2:12 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Revelation 5:1-3 (NIV)

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

Philippians 1:6 Version (NIV)

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

John 10:28-29 (NIV)

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.