Oct 23, 26 A Better Assurance Hebrews 6:1-20

## Connect (15-20 mins)

1. Follow up on any prayer requests from last week. Share highs and lows or updates as you settle in. You can also find our list of 100 Ice Breaker Questions in our Leader Tool Kit in your Well account.

## Grow (5-10 mins)

2. Last week we talked about creating a plan to consider each of these areas and how you can engage God's word more intentionally: READ — STUDY — MEMORIZE — MEDITATE — DISCUSS. Share how you practiced one of these in the last week and what that was like for you.

## **Share (45-60 mins)**

- 3. Was there anything that stuck out to you from this week's sermon? Any questions you had?
- 4. Have your views on the assurance of salvation changed at all throughout your life? If so, how?
- 5. Where do you see the tension between God's sovereignty and human responsibility in this passage? Does this bring you comfort or angst and why?
- 6. Read Hebrews 10:39-11:3. How do these verses, along with this week's passage, strengthen your hope and confidence in Christ's finished work?
- 7. Read Hebrews 6:11-12. Having faith in Christ, you can rest in the assurance of His finished work. From that reality, what are some ways you can take your faith more seriously in the season or year to come? How can you move from and "inch deep" in your theology to deeper growth?

\*If you'd like further clarity on The Well Community Church's stance on assurance, see our doctrinal statement on *Eternal Security* in the unabridged Statement of Faith <a href="here">here</a>.

Practice: Celebrate the work of God - Hope and Assurance of Salvation in Christ

Let us praise and celebrate the fact that our assurance and hope does not depend on how faithful we are, but rather that it depends on the one who keeps His promise. He is unchanging and the "hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast". We are the boats that get tossed in the waves of storm and are susceptible to be influenced by our environments, but thankfully our anchor is Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father, now that is security. This is an assurance for an eternity with Father, but we have an opportunity to live in the fullness of the assurance today.

Take a moment and seek the Lord in prayer asking Him to reveal all the things that you have looked to for assurance. Could it have been:

- Work
- Relationships
- Athletics
- Approval of others
- Money
- A fleeting experience/feeling

Whatever it may be, what did those things promise? How does it compare to the promise and assurance you have received in Christ? What was the fruit of your life when pursuing security in other things? What fruit have you seen in your life now that you are in Christ? What is the Spirit stirring in you today to remember the assurance you have received and turn away from whatever it is you may still be trying to find assurance in?

End in a prayer of Gratitude. Consider writing it down and keeping it as something to look back on as you continue to press on and mature in your walk with the Lord. Let it remind you, that no matter what comes, you are anchored in Christ. There will be times that are incredibly challenging, but you have hope.

For next week: Read Hebrews 7:1-28:

Write in a journal or the margins of your bible

- What did this passage teach you about God?
- What questions do you have?
- What is one thing you can apply to your life from this passage?