

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of Oct. 9-15

Reformation 500: Sanctification and Assurance

Synopsis: How can a person know if he is saved? How can a Christian grow in obedience in his life? The answers given by the Reformers relied heavily on biblical passages like Ephesians 4:11-16.

Getting to Know You

1. Before Sunday's message, how would you have described the sanctification process?
2. Have you ever had a conversation with a person about them doubting their salvation? How did you address their lack of assurance?

Into the Topic

3. Summarize, as best you remember, how the Reformers understood the process of sanctification.
4. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. Briefly outline how God has designed the church to be built up.
5. In your understanding, what does "unity of the faith" mean (v. 13)? How can we attain that unity of the faith?

6. What does "speaking the truth in love" (v. 15) mean in this context? How can you begin to speak the truth in love to those around you?
7. Verses 13-15 use the analogy of childhood versus adulthood to describe maturity in Christ. What are some evidences of spiritual maturity or immaturity?
8. How might the kind of healthy and active involvement in the local church (as discussed in our paragraph) contribute to one's assurance of salvation?

Application

9. How can you better contribute to the body "building itself up in love" (v. 16)?
10. What might you change to better avail yourself of the means God has given for you to be built up, sanctified, and have assurance of salvation?