

## Getting Started

1. What Christian holiday is the most meaningful to you? Why?
2. How often do you think about the resurrection?
3. What does it feel like to be criticized by others? How often do you criticize other people? What drives criticism?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 28:

#### **Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?**

A. We can be patient when things go against us,<sup>1</sup> thankful when things go well,<sup>2</sup> and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.<sup>3</sup> For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Job 1:21-22; James 1:3 <sup>2</sup> Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18 <sup>3</sup> Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38-39 <sup>4</sup> Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28

What is your relationship with God like when you are going through adversity?

6. Read John 8:1-11. Why does Jesus respond the way that he does? What does this teach us about God's love? What do you think Jesus writes in the sand?
7. Romans 8:31-39 is a celebration of the present and future security of the saints of God. Phil. 1:6; 1 Cor. 1:8, 9; 1 Thess. 5:23, 24; 2 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 1:12; 4:18 all speak about completion of what God began. What is God going to complete in all believers?
8. Read Matthew 13:20-22 and 7:21-23. How do these passages help us understand the need for true faith as it relates to our assurance of salvation?

## Application

9. Right now you may question your salvation or perhaps you have questioned it in the past. When you have given your life over to God you are saved. Once God has you, he always has you. God will never forsake or abandon you. Trust in the Lord and know that nothing can separate you from his love.

## Praying Scripture

### Colossians 1

9And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Ross Community Reformed Church

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### The Gospel: Class is in Session

#### “Blessed Assurance Part 2”

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38&39

- As sinners we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ others because of our own \_\_\_\_\_, nor can others \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  
- In Christ, we are not \_\_\_\_\_ we are given new \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ us from the love of God.

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