



Elevate (Hebrews), Part 14
“Eternal Security”
June 1-2, 2019

Opening Questions (what is God doing in your life?)

- What are you thankful for this week? (Good focus for worship & prayer)
- What is a challenge you're facing? How can our group help? (Guides your group members into caring community)
- What is God teaching you through the Bible and your circumstances? Do you have a S.O.A.P. (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) journal entry you'd like to share? Blank S.O.A.P. journal pages available at lifegroups.mycrosscity.com; click the “Resources” button.

Discovery Questions (hear *and* put into practice, Matthew 7:24)

- Have you ever experienced a failed garden project? Why do you think it failed?
- Have a volunteer read **Hebrews 6:4-9**.
- Pastor Dave mentioned that in verses 1-3 the writer of Hebrews uses “us” and “we,” and in verses 4-6 he uses “those” and “they.” What four phrases does the writer use to describe the “they” group in verses 4-5?
- Do these four phrases indicate that the author is talking about genuine, born-again Christians? Why or why not?
- How do verses 7-8 shed light on verses 4-6? If you want to dig a little deeper, have volunteers read **Matthew 13:3-9**.
- Good seed (the message of the Kingdom) is scattered on all kinds of soil, and rain (God's activating power) falls on all kinds of soil. What is the ONE identifying characteristic of good soil?
- So whether you believe a person was saved and then fell away from the Lord, or that the person was never truly saved, what would you tell someone whose life is not bearing fruit (not ministry “success,” but fruit of the Spirit, Christ-like character)?
- Do you have assurance that you are saved? If so, where does that come from? If not, how and where will you seek that assurance?
- Homework: For further study on what the life of a truly born-again believer increasingly looks like, check out **1 John 2:5-6, 9-10, 29; 3:9-10, 14; 4:7-8; 5:13, 18**.
- Pray as a group in response to what the Lord is saying through these passages and your discussion.