



### LESSON 3 // HOW CAN I KNOW I'M SAVED?

**Big Idea:** Every person will spend eternity in one of two locations. The Bible tells us that those who are “saved” can be sure their eternal destiny is with the Lord in heaven.

But how can you know you are saved? Salvation doesn't happen automatically to everyone and you can't qualify yourself for heaven by doing enough good things. Instead you have to believe and declare that your ticket to heaven has been purchased for you. You must put your faith in the finished work of Jesus through His death on the cross and resurrection. Then you can be assured, by the truth and promise of God's Word, that you will spend eternity with Him.

**Romans 10:9, 10 (NIV)** *If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

#### Start Talking:

How would you explain what the Bible means by “salvation” to someone who doesn't understand it? What Scriptures would you use to help them see what God says about this?

#### Start Thinking:

**Read Acts 4:12, John 8:24 and John 14:6.** How do these verses answer the questions of whether everyone automatically goes to heaven (“universalism”) or if there are many ways to get to God (“pluralism”)?

**Read Romans 3:12, 23.** Why is it not possible for you to earn your way to salvation?

**Read John 3:16 and Romans 5:8.** According to these verses, how has God demonstrated His love to you? What difference should this make in your response to Him?

**Read Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-10 and 1 John 5:13.** How can you have an assurance and peace that you are saved?

#### Start Praying:

Ask God for a renewed sense of how much He loves you and has done for you in your salvation. Pray that this will encourage you to love and serve Him with greater passion and dedication.

#### Start Doing:

Let this lesson about salvation spur you on to pray for, and perhaps reach out to, family members and friends who are not saved and need to know Jesus. Write out their names on a prayer list as a reminder to bring them before the Lord and believe Him to work in their hearts.