

BIG IDEA

Confidence is the result of a right relationship with God.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

As you reflect on your life, what relationships have increased your confidence the most?
What stands out to you about these relationships?

Read 1 John 5:13-21. What key words or phrases can you identify in this passage?
Explain your answer.

According to this passage, where does John's confidence in approaching God come from?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Do you share John's confidence in approaching God? Why or why not?

What has shaken your confidence when it comes to prayer?

Re-read 1 John 5:13-14. Do the prayers you pray have eternity in mind? How might an eternal perspective change the way that you pray?

What have you been afraid to ask God to do on your behalf? What might happen if he said yes? If he said no?

Do you tend to follow-through with your prayers, expecting God to come through (in his timing)? How could confidence in God change the way you pray?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

How will you steward your prayer life differently in light of this discussion?

Read Acts 4:13. Would you expect someone to describe the way that Peter and John are described in this passage? Why or why not?

Identify a friend or family member who models confidence in their faith walk. How can you engage them this week to develop confidence in your own relationship with Christ?

