

## SAFE IN SOVEREIGN HANDS

March 30, 2025

**Get a Grip & Get a Life // Truth That Divides // John 10:22-42**

### CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Is there anything noteworthy that is going on in your life since last week? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others since we last met?
2. What's the most funny or memorable experience you can recall when you lost something? What did it take for you to find what was lost, and what did you learn about yourself in the process?

### REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. From a fresh reading of John 10:22-42 [read it together], what's one thing that speaks to you in your current walk?
4. What's one thing from this week's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
5. The Jews claim to be in suspense about His identity in verse 24, yet they reject Him when He speaks. When sharing Christ with others, how can you tell the difference between an individual who is truly wrestling with legitimate doubts and an individual who is stubborn in the suspense of disbelief?
6. How should the truth of verses 28-29 and the idea that believers are secure in sovereign hands impact the way we live out our faith?
7. How can you respond to the lies of Satan that your guilt is too great for God to forgive?
8. Compare John 10:30 ("I and the Father are one") with Colossians 1:15-20. How do these passages affirm the divinity of Christ?
9. What are some legitimate and illegitimate excuses for not believing in Jesus in our day?
10. What does the reality that Jesus offers salvation even to His greatest enemies (those trying to kill Him in this instance) teach us about how we should treat those who are opposed to Christ?
11. Verses 40 to 42 contain the last biblical reference to John the Baptist. What is the lasting legacy of his life, and how can we cultivate a similar legacy in our own lives?

### PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

12. In what ways do doubts and fears challenge our trust in God's sovereign hands? How can we help each other overcome them?
13. Is there someone in your life who struggles with believing in Jesus? How can our group pray for and support you in sharing the gospel with them?

End by praying for each other—specifically that we would rest in the security of Christ and boldly share our faith with those who need to hear.



## Announcements

We're scaling up for a big outreach event at our **Easter services**. The grave is empty, and our hope is alive! Help us make this the best celebration of our Savior's Resurrection yet. We will have 3 services on Easter Sunday morning only: 8:30am, 10am, and 11:30am. Visit our Easter landing page on the website (<https://nvf.life/easter>) to learn more and pitch in on a few tasks:

1. **Invite, invite, invite!** Bring your friends and family to celebrate with you. Our page has a shareable graphic you can save to your device and share on social media or via SMS or email with a friend (just click the "Invite Someone" button on our page to find it). Or you can copy and paste the webpage URL to share the page directly with others.
2. **RSVP** via the "RSVP for Easter" button on our website. We'd love to have everyone doing this to help us get an estimate on the crowd size for each service and our Children's church offerings. And we're encouraging our regulars who are able to plan to attend either the earliest or latest service to help free up bandwidth for our 10am service that morning.
3. **Serve.** If you're not already scheduled to serve that Sunday, we need your help! Click on the "Serve at Easter" button to let us know if you would be willing to pitch in with extra effort for 1 or 2 services that day in addition to your attendance.

This page also has details about special events surrounding Easter – our **Journey to the Cross** event on Good Friday (4/18 from 6-8pm) and an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids on Easter Saturday (4/19 at 1pm).

This Friday (4/4), we will have our **Church Night Out at the Ballpark** as we travel to watch some minor league baseball with the Greensboro Grasshoppers. Tickets with our church group can be purchased online at <https://nvf.life/grasshoppers> for \$15 each. As a special way to sweeten the deal, we're giving away a free, embroidered New Vision Fellowship trucker hat to each individual who buys a ticket. We hope to see you there!

## Individual Options for Going Deeper

Read this brief article on Eternal Security from GotQuestions: <https://www.gotquestions.org/eternal-security.html>