

# HARD QUESTION: ETERNAL SECURITY?

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** “Predestination” - the idea that God has already decided who to save - is a concept that has been debated by church leaders for nearly 1,000 years. Some Bible references seem to suggest this, but if we take a closer look, we’ll see a God who - while knowing the future - gives every person a choice to accept or reject His offer of salvation.

## 2. BIBLE VERSE

God knows everything - not only the present, but the future.

Isaiah 46:9-10 [NLT] “...For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. Only I can tell you the future before it even happens.”



No one can be saved unless God draws them.

John 6:44 [NLT] “For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up.”

God has called all people to repentance.

John 12:32 [NLT] “And I (Jesus), when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

## 3. APPLICATION

God saves those He chose.

Ephesians 1:11-13 [NLT] “Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan... And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.”

God chose us... because we believed. We didn't believe because He made us, we believed because, through Jesus' sacrifice, He enabled us to.

Q. God chose you, knowing in advance every time you'd make a mistake. How does that change how you view His grace?

Q. Does knowing this make you feel less or more accountable for what you choose to do in life?



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and thank God for calling you to repentance. Ask Him to empower you to keep living the life you've been called to, and to share the good news with others.



# HUMBLE YOURSELF

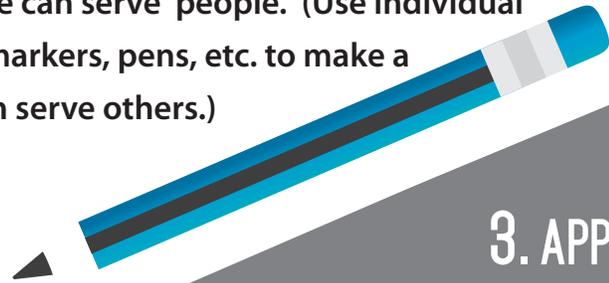
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### 1. ACTIVITY: "Humble Yourself, And The Lord Will Lift You Up!"

One way you can put others first is by serving others. Let's take time as a family and come up with ways together and individually we can serve people. (Use individual pieces of paper, poster board, markers, pens, etc. to make a list of ways you can serve others.)



### 2. POWER VERSE

**Luke 14:11** *"For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

This week, we continue our series "Say What?" by focusing on something that is hard for all of us to do: putting others before ourselves! Jesus wanted us to humble ourselves and always remember to put others first. In this week's lesson, we learn some valuable lessons from Jesus' life on how we can do that!

Start by Reading Luke 14:1-14.

Q. Did Jesus want the people to sit in the seat of honor?

Q. Why do you think He told them to give it up?

Q. What do you think it means, "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted," based on this story?

### 3. APPLICATION

Jesus was teaching it is important to not make yourself more important than others, but rather, put others first. Even the Pharisees in the story knew this was something hard to do. This has always been difficult for followers of Jesus!



Q. Do you think this is something easy for you to do? Why or Why not?

Q. When do you find it the hardest to not want to be #1?

Q. What is something you think you could do to help put others first?



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God will help you as individuals and as a family to put others first and yourselves last!