



## Blessed Assurance | Sunday, February 8, 2026

(5-10 min) *Optional Ice Breaker: When was the last time you got a speeding ticket?*

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**LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!**

### *Announcements*

**FAITH and WORK FORUM:** The Faith & Work Forum (Friday, February 27 | 6:30pm), with teaching from Dr. Jonathan Pennington and a discussion panel, will help anyone in business, school, ministry, or raising a family to connect their everyday work and activity with God's mission and redemptive purposes. Register [HERE](#) or at the Citizens website.

**SPRING TRAINING & MISSION CLASSES:** Our spring classes are in swing, but it's not too late to join! Register now to join men's or women's [Bible Class](#) or [Living on Mission](#).

### **SPRING SERVE OPPORTUNITIES**

**OIKOS, BIG BLUE, and MATTHEW PARTY:** Click [HERE](#) for three simple but powerful ways to engage missionally with unbelievers as a group. Make plans with your group to try each one sometime this Spring and let us know how it goes!

**HELP SHORT TERM MISSION GOERS:** Every short term mission goer needs support: prayer, encouragement, and financial. Choose a goer (or family) from [THIS LIST](#) and commit as a group to support them. Make sure to add your group's name to the list, as we hope to have each goer adopted by a home group.

**ALPHA COMETS:** Alpha Comets helps UT Dallas international students experience community and explore life's big questions. Help them learn about Jesus and engage the gospel by praying and providing a meal. Learn more and sign up [HERE](#)!

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## CITIZENS CHURCH

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*Read God's Word Aloud*

### **1 John 1:5-2:2**

**1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**2:1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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*Discuss God's Word and God's World*

**Important:** *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

**Start here:** *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

- What is the message John heard and proclaimed? What stands out to you today about that message?
- 1 John 1:5b says, “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” What are the various implications of this truth? (see vs 6-10)
- Does our sin matter? Why or why not?



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- Why would we lie and “say we have no sin”? (vs 8) What makes it difficult to recognize, admit, and confess our sin (to God and others believers)?
- What good comes from recognizing and confessing our sin? What bad comes from not doing so?
- In his sermon, Mike used the phrase “The Light reveals and the Light heals” to help us remember the truth of 1 John 1:5-2:2. What’s been your experience with God’s revelation of darkness in your life (1 John 1:5-10) and his healing of it (1 John 2:1-2)?
- In what ways are you walking in God’s light and enjoying the freedom of his forgiveness, advocacy, and propitiation? How are you struggling to?

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### *Sanctificational Prayer Guidance*

Bless and praise God for being our Light. Thank him for kindly revealing to us the darkness that separates us from him and each other; and for doing something about it.

*Father of lights, Jesus our substitute, Holy Spirit our advocate – we are humbled in gratitude that you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light. Help us to open ourselves to your light. Help us to see clearly by that light. And helps us to actively walk, obediently and humbly, in that light. For your glory, others’ good, and our joy.*

As you continue to explore the goodness of confession together, read 1 John 1:9 and 2:1-2 aloud for one another. Then rest comfortably, without guilt, in the truth that you are loved, forgiven, and redeemed. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you act in grateful and joyful obedience this week.

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### *Family Memory Verse of the Month for January*

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:16 (ESV)