

What If ??????????

Assurance of Salvation

There's someone in your group that has looked down for several weeks. You've wondered what may be troubling them and you've prayed for them. You decide to give them a call that week and check on them to see how they're doing. When you do you are so glad you did because they say, "I'm glad you called because I wasn't going to come back to small group any more." You are bit taken back and ask why. They continue, "Well, I just don't feel like I fit in. I'm not sure I'm a Christian. I don't seem to have the same joy that everyone else in our group does... and I just don't have it all together like everyone else. I don't belong with you guys." You begin to ask them about their relationship with the Lord and they say, "Well, that's just it... I really wouldn't call it a *relationship*. I've heard the Gospel growing up in church, and I prayed and asked Jesus into my heart when I was 9 yrs. old, but it doesn't seem to have made much difference in my life now as an adult."

You have 5 minutes to decide how you should proceed and you *must* have at least one verse to motivate / guide your decision.

- *Should* you immediately assure them that they are saved? Why or why not?
- Where should you start? What should our role be when trying to help someone struggling with whether or not they really know the Lord?
- How would you give them hope? What verses would you use?
- How should you direct someone who wants to know whether or not they're a Christian? What evidences would you want them to look for in their lives?