

Individual/Small Group Study Guide
Week of March 2, '08
“God’s Gracious Grip”
John 3:16 & John 10:22-33 & Colossians 2:6-10

- 1) Are you once saved and then always saved? Can you lose your salvation? What if a person seemingly accepts salvation and then seemingly bows out of a relationship with Jesus Christ, is that person saved? Was that person ever really saved in the first place? What does it take to be saved?*
- 2) How permanent is your salvation? How does your response to the question affect your spiritual life every day?*
- 3) Read John 10:22-33. What does this passage say to those who believe that salvation can be lost just as easily as it was found? What do you think makes people think they can lose their salvation?*
- 4) According to Max Lucado, “the key is this – salvation’s permanence is not based on one’s ability to keep it, but on God’s ability to sustain it.” Express what you think and feel about this statement.*
- 5) Do you ever doubt God’s ability and desire to preserve His relationship with you? Do you ever feel that your ability to escape God is greater than His ability to hold on to you? (Wouldn’t such thinking make you more powerful than God?)*
- 6) What is one spiritual high point and low point you’ve experienced in the last 30 days? Were more or less saved at either the high or low point?*
- 7) John 10:26 shares that there is only one reason that one would ever doubt God’s ability to preserve your salvation – such a person is not one of His sheep. In other words, you may think that you are saved, but you never really placed your trust in Him. Perhaps you acknowledged Jesus’ existence but did not place your faith in Him?*
- 8) Read Colossians 2:6-10. Faith spills over into action and action reaffirms faith. What does “being established in the faith” mean and then look like in your own life? (“Established” means being rooted or firmly planted.)*
- 9) If a casual observer followed you around for a day, would your actions reveal a dynamic, growing faith in God or would that person be convinced that God lacks the power to hold on to your life?*