

Wasted Faith Discussion Guide

Personal Evaluation

Answer each of the following questions by circling a number from 1 to 5:

- If your answer is “no” or if you are sure it is **not true** of you, circle the number 1.
- If your answer is “maybe,” or if you are **not sure** if it is true of you, circle the number 3.
- If your answer is “yes,” or if you are **very sure** it is true of you, circle the number 5.
- Numbers 2 and 4 provide additional options.

Please be painfully honest in your answers. There is no point in trying to fool yourself or others, and you cannot hide your true condition from God. Also, to say honestly that you are sure about your salvation is not prideful or unwise, but may represent a fully warranted confidence that has been granted to you by the Holy Spirit.

(1) If I have discovered that I am not a true believer, am I willing to admit it?

1 2 3 4 5

(2) Am I confident of the facts of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ?

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(3) Do I know Christ in a personal and intimate way?

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(4) Do I see both a general repentance from the life I once lived and ongoing repentance from specific sins?

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(5) Am I refusing to put confidence in any feeling, affirmation from another person, or act (including a correctly worded prayer, walking an aisle, signing a card, etc.), as my basis for assurance? In other words, do I place my *entire confidence* for eternal life in Christ and His death for sinners alone?

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(6) Do I see the fruit of genuine love for God and others in my life (both true affection and action)?

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(7) Does my faith stand up under trial, becoming stronger through difficulties?

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(8) Do I have spiritual *life*, as opposed to mere religious activity?

1 2 3 4 5

(9) Are there any other factors that would lead me to believe that I might *not* be a Christian?

Yes No

If yes, explain:

(10) Is finding peace with God my most important concern?

1 2 3 4 5

(11) What should I do now? (check all that apply).

- Seek additional counsel about my salvation.
- Spend private time meditating on **Wasted Faith** and the related Scriptures.
- Follow carefully the instructions in chapter 9 of **Wasted Faith**.
- Tell others about my new understanding and about the changes I am experiencing in my life.
- Seek to help my friends and/or family members examine their faith.
- Be scripturally baptized as a true believer.
- Rejoice in the assurance God has given me.

[Leader: Once everyone has had time to complete this “Personal Evaluation,” return to lesson 9 of the Wasted Faith Discussion Guide, item number 4.]

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