HE HEARS US

1 John 5:13–21

Key Verse: 5:14–15

1. Whom does the author address, and of what does he assure them? (13) Why did they need this assurance? Why do we?
2. Read verses 14–15. What does it mean to “approach” God? What things make it hard to do so with “confidence”? (Ps66:18; Isa59:2) What confidence *should* we have? (14b) On what basis can we have this confidence? (20; 3:22; Eph3:12)
3. Read verses 14–15 again. What promise about God is repeated here? How should this encourage us to pray? (Jn16:24; Lk11:9,10) What assurance should we have about our prayers? (15b; Mk11:24) Why is it crucial to believe that he hears us? (Jas1:6–8)
4. What does it mean to “ask anything according to his will”? (Lk22:42; Jas4:3) For what does the author urge us to pray, and what is promised? (16a; Jas5:15) Why is such prayer so important to Christian fellowship? (1:7,9)
5. What two sins are distinguished, what is the one that leads to death, and why should we not pray about that? (16b,17; Lk12:10; Heb6:4–6; 10:29)
6. List the things the author says “we know” about people, about “the evil one,” about ourselves and about Jesus (18–20). Especially, what does Jesus do for us? (18b,20) Why do we need to be reminded of these things? What is his final warning, and why? (21)