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How Insecurity Betrays You | John 13:2-5 Sermon Discussion Participant Guide

Purpose of Discussion: To better fight insecurity by knowing what is true.

Sermon Refresher: Dave preached his sermon on Genesis 2-3 and John 13:2-5 aiming to help us overcome our insecurity by exposing what it is and telling us that as we follow Christ we don't have to give into insecurity.



Icebreaker: If someone took a photo of you at the most startling point of a haunted house, what would we see?

Discussion:

1. How does insecurity lead us to brag?
2. The serpent used slander in the garden to tempt Adam and Eve as he slandered the goodness of God. How does slander "feed" our fears and pride and therefore our insecurity?
3. Read the following verse:

John 13:2

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

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Think about all Judas had in being a disciple of Jesus. How might the slanderer/the devil have tempted Judas to abandon what he had in order to betray Jesus?

4. Read the following verses:

Matthew 20:17-19

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸ "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

John 13:27

²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly."

What insecurity did Jesus know he was going to face? What did he know Judas was going to do?

5. Read the following verse:

John 13:3

³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

What security did Jesus have amidst all the insecurity? What security do we have in Christ?

6. Read the following verses:

John 13:4-5

⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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What did *knowing* he is secure enable Jesus to do for his disciples even amidst all the insecurity that was going on? What do you find amazing about this?

7. How can we better *know* our security *so* that we can better serve others?

Sharing and Prayer:

Share something that is making you feel insecure at present. Pray for the person on your left.