

Week 4- "A Secure Identity"

In this series we are asking the questions: Why do we not change sometimes? Why as Christians do we have a hard time growing and bearing the fruit that comes from the Gospel? We are discovering that all of us have weeds and thorns that get stuck in our hearts that are choking out the seed of the Gospel and the life and fruit in it. In this week's message, we continue to discover a passage of scripture that offers insight into what leads to an insecure identity and the invitation to find a secure identity that lasts.

Read Ephesians 1:15-21

- 1. What are you looking to in order to find identity: performance, control, or people pleasing?
- 2. How does this typically play out in your life?
- 3. Why is it so damaging to allow these things to impact your identity?
- 4. Discuss the reality that the issue of your value has been settled on the cross. What does this say about God and who He says you are?
- 5. What does it practically look like to look to the cross to find a secure identity?
- 6. Who do you have in your life that can help you see what you are reaching for, and remind you that your value has been settled on the cross? Will you allow them to help you?

7. How can this group help you discover more deeply who Christ is, what He has done, and who you are in Him?

Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus we no longer have to grasp on to the frailty of performance, control and people pleasing in order to find value and meaning in our lives. When we put our faith in Jesus we can find a secure identity in who He is and His righteousness and can rest knowing that our value has been settled on the cross.