

(Note to Kinship Leader: You don't have to use every question – just what you want to use)

<b>Message Date:</b> 07/25/10	<b>Pastor:</b> Mark Kirk
<b>Message Title:</b> The Deception of Self Confidence	
<b>Scriptures:</b> Mark 14:27-31	
<b><u>“Recommended” Launch Question(s):</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Give examples you've seen in the world this week of self- (love) (esteem) (sufficiency) (confidence).</li><li>- Why are those things not good to have for the Christian?</li></ul>	
<b><u>“Recommended” Guiding Question(s):</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• V27 – Zechariah 13:7 says the Shepherd will be struck and the sheep will be scattered. How does Satan use the same tactic in the church today?</li><li>• How can the church guard against stumbling?</li><li>• The word for stumble translates into scandal. How should we respond individually if a scandal were to break out here?</li><li>• V28 – Jesus lets them know that although Satan will have a temporary and limited victory in this situation, Jesus wins in the end. How has God done this in your life?</li><li>• V29 &amp; 30 – What lesson do we need to get from these verses? (<i>ans: Put “no confidence” in our own ability and strength to live for the Lord, but instead rely completely and totally on Him and His power. (see Phil. 3:3)</i>)</li><li>• How does completely and totally relying on Jesus look like practically day by day and moment by moment?</li><li>• V31 – Share a time where you vehemently denied going in the wrong direction in life only to do that very thing. What did God teach you through that and how did he redeem that situation?</li><li>• Pastor Mark said the secret to a successful walk in faithfulness to the Lord is time reading the Bible and time praying.</li><li>• If God has made such success so simple, how do we make it so hard or complicated?</li><li>• What kind of confidence should we have? (<i>ans: the confidence that we can remain faithful to the Lord even in the midst of a trial. Our confidence must be in Him and His power, not in US and OUR ability to do so</i>)</li></ul>	
<b><u>“Recommended” Application Question(s):</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify any areas in your life where there is a dangerous level of self (see the launch question). Ask God to reveal to you why it's there (how you've been deceived) and ask Him to remove it from you. Ask a trusted friend to pray with you for this issue.</li></ul>	