



Message Outline

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Matthew 26:30-35

Overconfidence

Series: Five Lofty Mistakes

Overconfidence is the mistake we make on the mountain of self-doubt

Matthew 26:31-35

Before we are too hard on Peter, why do we go there?

- It is a universal tendency
- Our culture applauds it
- As believers we admire it

The difference between overconfidence and appropriate confidence

Matthew 26:31-32

OVERCONFIDENCE	APPROPRIATE CONFIDENCE
<u>Cover</u> your weaknesses	<u>Admit</u> your weaknesses
<u>Predict</u> the future	<u>Trust the One who knows</u> the future
<u>Charge blindly</u> ahead	<u>Look for Jesus</u> ahead



HomeGroup Questions

Spring Session 2019

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Matthew 26:30-35

1. Share with your group about a time when being overconfident backfired on you.
2. Do you think success breeds overconfidence? If so, why? Can overconfidence actually be an indicator of self-doubt? Explain.
3. Read Matthew 26:30-35. What stood out to you the most from this week's message? Did anything surprise you?
4. Peter is typically vilified because of his response in this passage. Review the three points from the outline about being hard on Peter. If you didn't know the rest of the story (how Peter did end up denying Jesus), would you have felt differently about Peter's response?
5. Look earlier in this chapter at Matthew 26:20-25. How does what happened here (earlier that evening) impact the way the disciples felt about Jesus' prediction later in vs. 31? What are the similarities between these two passages? Differences?
6. The outline mentioned 3 differences between overconfidence and appropriate confidence. What could you add to the list?

EXTRA CREDIT: Read the account of Jesus' restoration of Peter (John 21:15-17). What would it have meant to Peter when Jesus gave him 3 opportunities to reaffirm his love for Jesus? *How would you use this story to assure someone who felt like they had horribly failed in the Christian life?*

What can your group pray about this week? Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.