



### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. How would you define or describe insecurity? Read one definition.
2. What are some different types of insecurities? Explain them.

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. Do you use filters on your social media profile pics? Do you have an app that you use? How often do you use it? Were you surprised to hear, there are over 100 million users that have some version of Facetime on their phones?
4. Pastor Ruben shared seven signs that you might be insecure. Can you identify with any of these? You get defensive when people point out your shortcomings. You want people to know how important you are. You feel inferior around successful people. You want to please others. You feel hurt if you get left out. You don't believe you're good enough. You don't like meeting new people
5. Let's look at a famous insecure person in the bible. His name is Gideon. Please read Judges 6:1-16.
  - a. What are your initial thoughts?
  - b. What is Gideon's insecurity?
  - c. How did God see Gideon?
  - d. What title did God give Gideon?
  - e. What does verse 15 say about how Gideon saw himself?
  - f. The Midianites were nomadic people. There were at least 135,000 soldiers. Do you think Gideon had a right to be afraid?
6. According to Judges 6:17-40, how was Gideon's insecurity demonstrated?
  - a. What was God's first mission for Gideon?
  - b. How did Gideon do?
  - c. What insecurity is demonstrated in verse 27?



7. Please read Judges 7.
  - a. How did God show understanding to Gideon's insecurities?
  - b. How many soldiers did Gideon eventually go into battle with?
  
8. Paul the apostle was insecure in a different way. He was educated, articulate, and had influence. According to Galatians 2:20, how does he see his security? Compare with Galatians 3:27-28.
  
9. What does it mean to be, "In Christ"? How is a secure person "in Christ", different from someone who is insecure? How is a secure person, "In Christ" different from a secure person in the world?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- The bible tells us how to work through our insecurities and how who and what we should be secure about.
  
- Your greatest potential includes God's Spirit in you.
  
- Secure people care more about what God thinks than what others think.
  
- Secure people focus on God's strength. Insecure people focus on their limitations.
  
- "Live from the abundant place that you are loved and you won't find yourself begging others for scraps of love." - Lysa Terkeurst