

Optional Starter Question: What did you get away with as a kid that your parents never knew about?

INTRODUCTION

Over the next four weeks, we're diving into a series called *Shaky Ground, Steady Eyes* where we'll walk alongside of Jesus through some of the shakier times and relationships in His life. This weekend, we look at one of Jesus' more infamous relationships - Judas Iscariot. He was a man who left everything to follow Jesus only to betray Him in the end.

Big Idea: Judas' "shaky ground" was hidden sin covered by religion that opened him to the Devil's influence. We, too, are prone to the same shaky ground.

Read: John 12:4-6, Mark 14:10-11, Mark 14:1-4, John 13:2, Luke 22:1-6, Matthew 27:1-5

DISCUSSION

1. Prior to this sermon, who was Judas Iscariot to you?
2. What do you imagine it was like for Judas to follow Jesus so closely yet have a hidden sinful pattern?
3. Read the quote from Pastor Jesse and discuss what thoughts and feelings it elicits.
"Hidden sin is shaky ground. It's like a crack in your foundation. If you don't address it by confessing it to God and someone else, it'll just grow and grow until the ground underneath your life gives way."
4. How might hidden sin affect one's attitude, behavior and choices as he or she lives the Christian life?
5. How do you respond to the idea that we have an Enemy, the Devil, trying to deceive and lie to us?
6. Close your discussion with a prayer thankfulness for God's forgiveness.
"Father, thank you for the truth that there isn't any hidden sin you haven't already paid for and forgiven. Give us the grace we need to live in that freedom and accept your forgiveness. Also, please protect us from the Enemy who wants to destroy us. Amen."

DO SOMETHING

- Confess any hidden sin to God and a trusted friend. Start living in the freedom God has already given you.
- Reconcile any relational damage due to a sinful pattern. Don't allow the Enemy to have his way any longer.
- Establish safeguards in your life to minimize sinful temptation. Avoid certain situations, recruit an accountability person or seek professional help.

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