CompariSIN

Infinitely Preferred

When someone else being honored or loved more than we are meets our insecurity, we are tempted to tell stories…about them and about ourselves. But when we know who we are and are grateful for what we have, we have security. And comparison is powerless.

Discussion Questions

1. Who is the most famous person you have ever met? What's the story behind that?

2. When it comes to using social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc), have you ever found yourself thinking "What's so great about them? What's so wrong with me?" Could you please share an example?

3. Read 1 Samuel 18: 6-14. Scripture says that King Saul "was afraid of David, because the Lord was with Him but had left Saul." In losing his identity, Saul fell deeper and deeper into that trap of comparison. How could Saul have reclaimed his identity? How could he have handled that situation differently?

4. We can choose to resent others or ourselves or we can tell the truth: The truth is that you're *nothing* without God and that He infinitely prefers *you*. How would your view of others or yourself change if you saw it through that lens?

5. Taking that one step further, when it comes to your relationship with God: Is He enough for you? Is His love, affirmation, attention, is that enough for you? Why do you think it can be easier to thirst for the attention, affirmation, and approval of others rather than receive even *more* of what *He* longs to give you?

God in Real Life

The next time you walk in a room full of people, let go of that habit of comparison of having to "keep score", and walk into it trusting in your identity: His love and His providence is more than enough for you, and He *infinitely* loves you with a love that you don't have to fight for.

To the Heart

"For You love all things that are and loathe nothing that You have made; for what You hated, You would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless You willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by You?" Wisdom 11:24-25