

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Humility

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

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Introduction:

Is Jesus really who he says he is?

*Does Jesus fulfill the expectations we should have of a
Savior and Lord?*

◆ What did you expect, d_____ d_____?

⇒ You can expect Jesus to be _____.

◆ What did you expect, s_____ s_____?

⇒ You can expect Jesus to be _____.

◆ What did you expect, c_____ c_____?

⇒ You can expect Jesus to be _____.



Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Ask God to search your heart and reveal if any of these descriptions characterize you: doubting disciple, searching soul, or controlling critic. If one stands out, why do you think you this is so?
2. How have you seen evidence of Jesus' power? In the scriptures? In your life?
3. How are you moving toward being "least in the kingdom of God"?
4. How have you seen Christ's wisdom prove to be right as he works in *his* ways in your life?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

- 1) How can expectations of God cause us to stumble? How can they be healthy and good?
- 2) Read Luke 7:18-19, Luke 1:18-20 and Luke 1:34-38. What is the difference between being "faithless and doubting" and "faithful and doubting"?
- 3) Read Luke 7:18-23, Isaiah 35:5-6 and Isaiah 61:1-2. What are some things we should expect from the Messiah? How do these verses help shape our understanding of the character, mission, and activity of Jesus in all ages?
- 4) Read Luke 7:24-29, 9:48, 14:11, 18:14, and 22:26. What should we expect as citizens in the kingdom of God following our King Jesus?
- 5) Read Luke 7:30-35. What are some ways we attempt to control Jesus? How is the "wisdom" of Jesus "justified by all her children" and proven superior to human wisdom?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Lift up bold requests to God, recognizing that you can only make them through the name of Jesus, surrendering your request to his authority.