

Great Expectations

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“Followers of Jesus give up their expectations.”

- Tell us about a time when things didn’t meet your expectations.
- What personality type are you on the Myers-Briggs test. How does that play into your expectations?

Read: Matthew 8:18-20

- What did this man expect from Jesus?
- What did he find instead?

Read: Matthew 8:21-22

- What did this disciple expect from Jesus?
- What did he find instead?

On Sunday, Walter said that we often expect three things from faith:

1. We expect God to make faith easy.
2. We expect to fit in too comfortably with this world.
3. We expect God to answer all our prayers quickly, and the way we want.

Read the following verses and discuss their implications with the above expectations:

Mathew 10:38, Philippians 2:12-13, John 15:18-19, I Peter 2:11-12

- What misguided expectations have you had for God?
- Share a passage from Scripture in which God promises something – because if God promises it, you can expect it will happen!

Pray: Pray that your group members will be willing to leave behind their expectations toward God, and instead build their faith upon the promises he has given us in Scripture.