

## ***Great Expectations***

**(1.22.23)**

**S** Scripture  
**O** Observation  
**A** Application  
**P** Prayer



**“Followers of Jesus give up their right of self-determination.”**

- Tell us about your personality. Are you more collaborative or more individualistic in how you go about life?
- Where do you experience the conflict between self-determination and what God wants for you?

**Read:** Matthew 19:16-22

- What did this man expect from Jesus?
- What did he find instead?
- How was this man trying to set the terms of faith?

**Read:** Matthew 19:23-26

- What’s your take on Jesus’ statement here?
- In what ways do your wealth and possessions make it hard for you to follow Jesus?

On Sunday, Walter encouraged us to try one or more of the following things:

1. Choose generosity.
2. Take responsibility for the church.
3. Freely accept help.

Which one of those three is hardest for you? How can you begin put it into practice?

**Pray:** Pray as a group that your hearts would be open to God’s direction, rather than your own desires.