



PART 5: Stick Around

INTRODUCTION

We all come to church with expectations. Many of us have had a bad church experience because our expectations were not met. It's one thing when church lets us down, but what about when Jesus fails to meet our expectations? What happens when you turn over your life to him and things don't turn out the way you expected?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time in your career or family life when you had high expectations and they were met. How did you respond?
2. Has church ever failed to meet your expectations? If so, how did it affect your view of the church? Did you continue to attend?
3. Discuss a time when God failed to meet your expectations. How did that experience influence your relationship with him?
4. How is it challenging that God defies our expectations? How is it comforting?
5. Have you ever been disappointed in God only to later discover that your expectations were different (and smaller) than his plans? If so, how has that experience shaped your faith?
6. What is one area of your life right now in which it is challenging to stick it out and see what God has planned? What is one thing you can do to be more patient? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Don't let your unmet expectations rob you of life's greatest opportunity. Don't let your unmet expectations cheat you out of seeing God do more than you expected. Don't miss out on the Savior of the world because he didn't do what you expected.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12