

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Message Series: Unrealistic Expectations

Message Title: When God Falls Short

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AT A GLANCE

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-44; Psalm 13:1-2;
Isaiah 55:8-9

APPLICATION

- God's silence is not God's absence.
- God's timing is not our timing.
- Look for Him, even when He is difficult to see.
- Believe and trust God.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

Life falls short, and people fall short, but God never does! He is at work, even when we can't see it. He offers us the gift of His presence.

1. Discuss the timeline of events in John 11:1-44. As you think through the events, is there a verse that especially speaks to you?

Sometimes, God does not give us an explanation but He does give us His presence.

2. How has Jesus met you in your grief and disappointment through the gift of His presence?

Read Psalm 13:1-2.

God's silence is not the same as God's absence.

3. When have you experienced both faith and disappointment at the same time?

Read Isaiah 55:8-9 (His thoughts are higher than our thoughts)

God's timing and my timing are rarely identical.

4. Discuss the difference between these two prayers: "Lord, change my circumstance" vs. "Lord, change me in this circumstance."

5. What is something you're asking God to do right now that you need to trust Him with? Finish this statement: I can trust God because

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PAUSE, PONDER, PRAY

Do you have an unrealistic expectation of the Lord or someone else that you need to surrender?