

# Are You The One?

## FAITH – week 18

After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" - Mt 11:1-3

### Even Good People At Times Will Have Doubts

Luke 1:41-44

When we are young and health is good and we have not yet encountered disease, disappointment, and sorrow, it is easy to believe that life will always be rather carefree and happy. But every person who lives long enough will eventually experience difficulties that are not easy to understand. At those times the pieces simply will not fit, and God just doesn't make sense. – James Dobson

### When Doubting Go Down To Judgment

Job got to his feet, ripped his robe, shaved his head, then fell to the ground and worshiped: Naked I came from my mother's womb, naked I'll return to the womb of the earth. GOD gives, GOD takes. God's name be ever blessed. – Job 1:20,21

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes – I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! - Job 19:25-27

### Our Doubts Usually Spring From Wrong Expectations

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." - Matthew 11:4-6

#### Jesus Makes 3 adjustments To Our Expectations

##### He Reminds Us What We Were Actually Called To

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.- John 16:33

For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. – Philippians 1:29

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. -1 Peter 4:12,13

## He Reminds Us That God Has A D\_\_\_\_\_ Plan For Each Of Us

John 21:18-22

## He Reminds Us Of What We C\_\_\_\_\_ Expect

What are some things we 'can' expect?

*We need to L\_\_\_\_\_ our expectations about life H\_\_\_\_\_  
And R\_\_\_\_\_ them about life T\_\_\_\_\_*

## Doubts Do Not N\_\_\_\_\_ Who We A\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 11:7-11

Why didn't Jesus say these things to John;

He didn't want John to put his F\_\_\_\_\_ in John, but to put his faith in H\_\_\_\_\_.

He didn't want John's C\_\_\_\_\_ rest in what John was doing, but in what He was doing.

1. You are D\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ than you think you are!
2. You M\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ than you think you do!
3. It is L\_\_\_\_\_ about you then you think it is!

## Talking Points

1. Read Matthew 11:1-11 two times as a group. Don't skip this.
2. Can you think of any other examples in Scripture of people having doubts about God or His plan for them? Have you ever had doubts about God or His plan for your life?
3. Read and discuss Isaiah 40:27-31. God's people were at a really rough place, oppressed by foreign armies with no end in sight. They felt as though God had forgotten them. What encouragement do you find in these words?
4. Why are the 3 adjustments in our thinking that Jesus makes when we come to him so important? Which of the 3 affirmations really spoke to you?
5. Jesus said that even the least in His Kingdom is greater than John. We are not merely proclaiming the message of the King, we are children of the King. We do not only speak for God, we are filled with His very presence. We are not merely looking forward to grace, we have been immersed in that grace. Does being greater than John jack you up? Why?