

Not The Jesus Anyone Expected

The Passage:

Matthew 11:1-19/ Isaiah 35:5-6; 29:18-19; 61:1/ Malachi 3:1

Why we call audibles:

1. The Fear of **LOSS**.
2. The Fear of **MISSING OUT**.

What to expect when God is at work:

1. Expect to be **CONFUSED**.
Isaiah 55:8-9/ John 11:1-45/ 2 Corinthians 1:8-9/ Job 1-2
2. Expect to **WAIT**.
2 Peter 3:8/ Hebrews 11:8-13/ Genesis 16:1-4; 21:8-14
3. Expect God to use the **WRONG PEOPLE**.
Mark 9:38-40/ Philippians 1:15-18/ 1 Samuel 16:6-13
4. Expect God to keep inviting the **WRONG PEOPLE** to the **PARTY**.
Luke 5:27-32/ Luke 14:15-24/ Matthew 22:1-14/ Romans 5:8/ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11/ 1 Timothy 1:15-16
5. Expect God to use **YOU**.
Philippians 1:6/ Mark 5:19



Not The Jesus Anyone Expected

The Passage:

Matthew 11:1-19/ Isaiah 35:5-6; 29:18-19; 61:1/ Malachi 3:1

Why we call audibles:

1. The Fear of _____.
2. The Fear of _____.

What to expect when God is at work:

1. Expect to be _____.
Isaiah 55:8-9/ John 11:1-45/ 2 Corinthians 1:8-9/ Job 1-2
2. Expect to _____.
2 Peter 3:8/ Hebrews 11:8-13/ Genesis 16:1-4; 21:8-14
3. Expect God to use the _____.
Mark 9:38-40/ Philippians 1:15-18/ 1 Samuel 16:6-13
4. Expect God to keep inviting the _____ to the _____.
Luke 5:27-32/ Luke 14:15-24/ Matthew 22:1-14/ Romans 5:8/ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11/ 1 Timothy 1:15-16
5. Expect God to use _____.
Philippians 1:6/ Mark 5:19

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

November 9, 2025

WARM UP



1. Larry recognized that sometimes the Christian life can feel like we're a five-year-old kid waiting for Christmas. Think back to Christmas morning as a kid — what were you like? Did you wake your parents early? Try to peek at presents?

2. This weekend's message focused a lot on expectations. When facing new situations, do you tend to expect the best or brace for the worst?

3. Was there anything that stood out to you that was especially encouraging in this week's message?

KNOW IT



1. Jesus didn't fit the expectations of most people in His day, including John the Baptist. Read Isaiah 11:1-10. What stands out to you about the kind of King or Savior this passage describes? How might that have shaped what the Jewish people were expecting?

2. Re-read Matthew 11:1-15 from this weekend (*and optionally Mark 1:1-11 for context*). Why do you think even someone like John the Baptist struggled to recognize Jesus for who He was?

SHARE IT



1. Larry called Jesus a “wild man.” What are three of the most surprising or “wild” things about Jesus to you?

2. We learned five things we can expect when God is at work. Which one tends to be the hardest for you to trust or accept, and why? Share an example when this felt true or challenging for you.

LIVE IT



1. When it feels like God is confusing, slow, or going off the script you think He should follow, what helps you trust Him?

2. This message was about our expectations of God, and this series is about the “art of surrender.” What’s one area of your life where you need to trade your expectations for trust or surrender this week?