



CROSSWALK

Following Jesus on the Trail to Destiny

March 6: Expectations Unmet

Icebreaker:

When is a time that you have waited in anticipation for someone or something? Did it live up to the “hype”?

Message Bible Text:

Matthew 11:1-19

Discussion Questions:

1. John the Baptist was “preparing the way” for Jesus. Have you been in a situation when you did the preliminary work but someone else stepped in and finished?
2. Christians and churches should be “Great Commandment” and “Great Commission” focused. How is FRC living up to this? How are you doing?
3. What is my “heart condition” (Mark 4-The Good Soil) saying about my commitment to Jesus? Is the “fruit” I am producing evidence of who or what I am serving?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Matthew 28: 19-20; Matthew 22: 37-39; Micah 6:8

Discussion Questions:

1. Has there ever been a time in your life that you have doubted the faithfulness of God?
2. What drives or feeds the doubts in your life? What is your initial response?

3. How do you get beyond your doubts?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Like John the Baptist (v. 3) we all have doubts. Our doubts should draw us closer to Jesus.
- Our doubts can serve as a blessing or a curse. What we do with our doubts demonstrate the “fruit” of who we are serving.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group’s requests):

- Thankful for the Consistory and Staff leadership at FRC.
- Thankful for the humble and servant hearts of the worshippers in church.
- Pray for the violence and oppression in Ukraine and Russia.
- Pray for a unified spirit in church as we move forward into The Kingdom Network and seek ways to serve, share the Gospel and honor God in all we do.
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Memory Verse:

Reference - Micah 6:8 “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”