

SMALL GROUP Q'S

When Jesus Doesn't Live Up to Expectations

March 12, 2017

Luke 7:18-35

- 1.) What is the hardest part about being a Christian? Did you ever have expectations of what following Jesus would be like that turned out to be very different?
- 2.) Why do you think we often don't want to come to Jesus or come to Christian leaders/friends when we are struggling with confusion/doubts? What would make a person or a church somewhere you felt safe to come with your questions?
- 3.) Will mentioned a couple of ways in which our culture keeps Jesus at arms length. Can you think of others? Why can these be so devastating and dangerous?
- 4.) What picture do you have of God in your mind when you are doubting or struggling with your faith? Why do you think that is? How does it compare with Jesus's response to John in this passage? ... BONUS: What do others experience from you when they are weak/failing/struggling? Is this similar to how you picture God responding to you?
- 5.) Why is the identity of Jesus the linchpin of so many of the gospel passages? In what ways does it speak into the range of struggles in our lives, and what makes it the central question of our lives?
- 6.) How is the Lord's Supper intended to build up our faith? Are you mindful of that when you celebrate it, and how could your heart be more engaged to that end?



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