

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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Part 5 Expect God For MORE

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

Thesis: Expectation Determines Experience

[Romans 4:17-21]

*“... Abraham believed in the God who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping – believing that he would become the father of many nations. For **God had said** to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have! And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead – and so was Sarah’s womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, **his faith grew stronger**, and in this he brought glory to God. He was **fully convinced** that God is able to do whatever he promises.*

1) Let God do the talking

[Romans 4:17-18]

*“Abraham believed in the God who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do **not exist** as though they **did**... “Abraham kept hoping – believing that he would become the father of many nations. **For God had said to him**, “That’s how many descendants you will have”*

2) Hope against Hope

[Romans 4:18]

*“Even when there was no reason to hope, Abraham **kept hoping**”*

[Romans 4:21]

*Abraham was **fully convinced** that **God was able** to do whatever He promised.*

[Romans 15:13 (NLT)]

*“I pray that **God**, the **source of hope**, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust **in Him**. Then you will **overflow with confident hope** through the power of the Holy Spirit!”*

3) Wait Well

[Romans 4:20]

“Abraham never waived in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What areas of your life have you settled for? What does expecting God for more in these areas look like?
2. What are the challenges to expecting God for More?
3. What lessons can we learn from our children when it comes to faith?

4. Do you have a plan to hear God's Word? What Bible reading plan do you have? Challenge each other to get on a steady diet of Gods Word.
5. Is your hope in the promise or is it in the one who made the promise? Talk about the difference between those two things.
6. What can we do while waiting on the promise, that will produce even more faith?