



JESUS IS ____ .
Part 4: Jesus is Here (I'm Expecting.)
Sermon Small Group Questions
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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.

When you are expecting, you act differently. It changes everything!

[Hebrews 11.1,6 NIV]

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

*"Now **expectation** is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. And without **expectancy** it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he **is HERE** and that he rewards those who **expecting** him."*

Faith and expectation moves God.

[Matthew 13.53-58, NIV]

When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home." And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith (expectancy).

It's one thing to know that God is out there somewhere; it's another thing to expect that God is HERE!

[Matthew 1.23, NLT]

They shall call His name, "Immanuel" which means "God is with us."

[Psalm 22.3, NLT]

*Yet you are holy, **enthroned on the praises of Israel** (Your people).*

[Matthew 18.20, NLT]

For where two or three gather as my followers, I am there among them.

[Hebrews 2.12, NLT]

For He (Jesus) said to God, 'I will proclaim Your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people.'

How to Break the Routine (of just attending church):

1. **Cultivate** your OWN faith and expectation for every meeting you attend.
2. **Help us** create a **culture of faith and expectation.**
 - A. **Be** about it (come early, come down front, etc.)
 - B. **Tweet** about it: use social media to help create a grassroots movement of faith and expectation.

[Psalm 122.1, NKJV]

I was glad when they said to me 'Let us go to the House of the Lord.'

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What is something you are expectant about?**
2. **Why do some people know God, but don't expect big things? What are some of our obstacles to big faith?**
3. **How can the 'mystery of God' (not seeing Him physically) build our faith?**
4. **What would church look like if every single person came expecting Jesus? (Help paint a picture.)**
5. **What are some simple things you can do, even this week, to show you're expecting Jesus more than ever? (i.e. schedule changes, prayer in the car, everyday language or level of enthusiasm, etc.)**