



1. When we are empty of our expectations and DISAPPOINTMENT, we are filled with that which brings God GLORY. (Psalm 30:5, 55:22; John 14:1-3, 27; John 3:30; Matthew 26:39)
2. When we are empty of self-PRESERVATION, we are filled with the fortitude to FOLLOW God wholeheartedly. (Matthew 16:24-25; Philippians 1:21; Luke 12:7; Colossians 3:23; John 6:38, 9:4)
3. Jesus wants to empty us of PERPLEXITY and fill us with CLARITY. (Isaiah 30:21; Romans 12:2; James 1:5; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Psalm 119:130; 2 Kings 6:17; 2 Peter 3:18)
4. Jesus wants to empty us of LONGING and fill us with RECEIVING. (Ephesians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 9:8; John 1:16; Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:7)
5. Recognizing the emptiness of our ABILITIES, we are filled with the assurance of HIS ability! (Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 3:20-21; Matthew 19:26; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Ephesians 1:19-21)
6. When emptied of BONDAGE, we can be filled with FREEDOM! (2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:1; Romans 6; John 8:32, 36; 1 Peter 2:16-17; Romans 8:2)



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We don't want to just say "See you next week" as we leave each Sunday - we want to connect!

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. In what ways does focusing on our expectations and disappointments prevent us from bringing God glory?
3. Regarding Lazarus's death, Jesus told His disciples (verse 15) "I am glad for your sakes that I was not there." What might have been different had Jesus been there? What do Martha and Mary think would have been different had Jesus been there?
4. Thomas is the disciple that is commonly known as "the doubter". But what more do we learn about him from verse 16? In what ways should / could we be more like the Thomas of verse 16?
5. How long did Jesus remain where He was after learning that Lazarus was ill? In what ways does this make / not make sense? Why did Jesus choose not to go immediately to Lazarus and the sisters? What are some lessons for us in this?
6. How did Martha respond when Jesus ordered the stone to be taken from the tomb? Given this statement, did she at this point think Jesus would do what He was about to do? How do we respond when God speaks to us (or tells us in His Word) to do something that seems unthinkable?
7. When Jesus cried out with a loud voice for Lazarus to come forth, why was He being loud? Who did He make sure heard Him? Why??
8. Jesus instructed them to loose Lazarus from his grave clothes and let him go. What 'grave clothes' are you holding on to that you need to let go? In what ways are you still in a place of longing where Jesus has made a way for you to receive?
9. Of the 6 "Be empty of...be filled with" statements we gleaned from Sunday's message, which one meets you where are are the most right now? Why?

