

Message Discussion

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This Changes Everything // Expectations
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Welcome & Connection

What is a pet peeve of yours?

Questions

Where have you experienced the “disappointment gap”—the gap between the story you wanted to be true and the story of what actually is? How have you typically responded when life hasn’t met your expectations?

The message described two common responses to disappointment: “DIY Eden” and “defeat.” Which are you more likely to fall into? What does that look like in your life?

To survive in the wilderness of disappointment, we need to develop the ability to access God. How have you experienced God meeting you in the midst of disappointment? What rhythms or spiritual disciplines help you access God and experience His presence, comfort, and hope?

What is an area where you need to remember that *this is not Eden*? How does that reality change how you see the world; yourself, others, the world around you?

Read 1 Peter 5:6–7. What disappointment are you carrying right now that you need to invite God into? What would it look like to humble yourself, trust His timing, and “give all your worries and cares to God” rather than trying to fix it yourself, withdrawing, or passing your disappointment on to others? Take some time as a group to pray and give these disappointments to God.