

Matthew 11:1-19

How do you deal with unmet expectations?

- I. Understanding unmet expectations
 - A. John the Baptist's wrong expectation (v. 1-6; 3:11; 4:12; Isa. 35:4-6; Isa. 61:1-2)
 - B. The right expectation (John 3:17; 1 Peter 4:12)
 - C. The result of unmet expectations (v. 16-19)
- II. Overcoming unmet expectations
 - A. Embracing the 'already but not yet' (v. 6-11; Mal. 3:1)
 - B. Embracing the battle (v. 12)

Application Guide:

1. What are some unmet expectations in your life? How do you typically respond when an expectation is not met?
2. How do your wrong expectations come from a misunderstanding of the nature and work of Jesus?
3. How does the 'already but not yet' of the kingdom of heaven help you overcome your unmet expectations and create healthy longings?