



Great Expectations

Week two - "Greater Expectations"

Isaiah 2:1-5, Revelation 21:1-7, and Luke 17:20-21

Bottom line: Our great expectations need to be even greater expectations, and participation.

1. What expectations do you have for this Christmas?
2. What are some expectations you may have that you didn't realize you were bringing into this season?
3. When you hear that Jesus is coming again, what do you think that means? What does it make you think about? What questions do you have about that?
4. Read Luke 17:20-21
 - a. What question did the Pharisees **ask** about the kingdom of heaven?
 - b. What question did Jesus **answer** about the kingdom of heaven?
 - c. What did Jesus mean when He said the kingdom of heaven is within our grasp?
5. In what ways do you see your life now as part of the kingdom of God? In what ways does it feel disconnected from, or *in waiting for*, the kingdom of God?
6. How can we prepare for Jesus now in a way that expects God to re-order some of our circumstances and priorities?
7. What would it look like for you to have **greater expectations** in light of what Jesus already did, and also what He says He will do when He returns?
8. How do our greater expectations change the ways we live and the ways we give?