

Stuck in a Rut (Week 3)

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Discussion and Questions:

1. How have you been defining a rut, in this series? “A rut is a coffin with the ends kicked out” is one interpretation! What are some others?
2. When the John the Baptist was imprisoned, he became despondent. Doubts overtook him. (See Matthew 11 vs 2) Where do doubts arise from? What are some ways people respond when they begin to doubt?
3. John the Baptist had incredible obedience. His whole way of life was only about doing and saying what God told him to. Yet he ended up in jail and died a horrible death. (Read Mark 6:17-29 for the bulk of the story) Discuss where the belief that if we do it all correctly, we can expect good things from God, comes from. Have you got this as one of your beliefs? Has it been helpful in times of stress?
4. Jesus encouraged John by sending him the message we find in Matthew 11:4-6. Blessings can take many forms. They are not necessarily a positive direct action from God when we ask Him for something. Make a list of other types of blessings. Which ones are evident in your own family and life?
5. Clint gave us two “antidotes” when life seems confusing, full of doubt or we feel stuck. The first was to look back and remember the ways God has answered prayer, provided for, or blessed you in the past. Share an example of these things with your group now.
6. The second was to look outward and reflect. How can rejoicing in the goodness of God in others situations encourage us?

Make your prayer time one of joy and thanksgiving for the work God has done and is doing in each others lives. Perhaps you could plan a time for communion on another date as a tangible way of thanking God for the ultimate blessing he gave us.

Upcoming Dates

- Sunday 4th March – Season Launch 5pm in new Youth Space
- Sunday 11th March – Open Home 5pm @
- Sunday 18th March – Camp Survivor leaders training 2pm
- Sunday 25th March – Young Adults event 6.30pm Walter Nash