



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**“Disappointment with God” – Matthew 11:1-15**  
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**Main thought:**

Even when we are disappointed with God because He doesn't meet our expectations, Jesus responds with compassion, not rejection. He invites us to trust His word and works while He defends and honors those who struggle with doubt but do not fall away.

**Ice-Breaker**

- Can you think of something that didn't “come as advertised” or that didn't meet your expectations?
- Can you share a “win” in terms of where you see God working in your life or the lives of others recently?

**Questions**

1. What stood out to you from Matthew 11:1-15?
2. Why do you think John began to doubt, even after clearly identifying Jesus earlier?
3. Can you relate to a time when God didn't meet your expectations? What did that feel like?
4. Which is harder for you: trusting God's timing or trusting God's methods? Why?
5. How would you or should you respond to someone who is struggling with doubt and disappointment with God?
6. What stands out to you about how Jesus responds to John's doubt in verses 4-6?
7. How does being around God's people and remembering what we've *heard and seen God do*, help restore faith during seasons of disappointment and doubt?
8. Why is it often hard to be honest about doubts with other Christians?
9. How does Jesus' defense of John challenge the way we might judge others who are struggling?
10. How can you encourage someone this week who may be struggling in their faith?

**Prayer:** Take some time to pray for each other.