

crossroads

LIFE GROUPS

"Expectations and Frustrations"

Pastor Lauren Janetzke

Discussion Questions

November 29th, 2020

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom."

Isaiah 40:28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ice Breaker Question: Which of these 3 best defines you?
 - You are wanting something good in 2020, so you put up your Christmas tree and started playing Christmas music in October!
 - You always put up your tree before Thanksgiving....
 - You don't want to diss Thanksgiving, so you always wait until after Thanksgiving to put up your tree.
2. Share with the group: What is something that God taught you, or is teaching you, during your personal Bible reading time?
3. What was your main take-away from Pastor Lauren's message this week?
4. Have you ever had something unexpected happen in your life? What happens when our expectations are associated with disappointment?
5. Pastor Lauren taught us about the important events that happened in the 400 years between the Old and New Testament. A conqueror named Alexander the Great came through and brought Hellenism. The biggest theme of this transition was that it brought a culture of individualism where man's pleasure, freedom, and happiness was the highest ideal; versus the communal loving God and loving others way of life. Do you still see the effects of this culture of individualism today?

6. Let's read John 8:32 and John 14:16. What is the difference between knowing the ACTUAL Jesus versus your expectation of Him?
7. Pastor Lauren taught us that freedom is living with open hands and not holding your expectations too tightly. Why is this an important lesson to apply to our lives?
8. Pastor Lauren reminded us in one of her points, "Don't stop expecting good things." Why is this important?

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9. Read Galatians 5:1. Pastor Lauren said, "When we belong to someone we are free to be who we are meant to be." What does freedom personally look like to you? Is there something in your personal life that is holding you back from experiencing the freedom that Jesus Christ brings?