

Group Discussion Guide

OFF-SCRIPT - Week 3

“The Unexpected”

- Pastor Jared discussed how Jeremiah had high expectations for his ministry but faced constant opposition and hatred. How do we handle situations where our expectations don't match our experiences in life?
 - What expectations in your own life haven't been met, and how has that affected your faith journey?
- The sermon referenced Proverbs 19:21 which says 'Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.' How can we find peace when our plans don't align with God's purpose?
 - When was a time in your life where God's plan turned out better than what you had originally planned for yourself?
- How can we maintain faith and trust in God when our prayers seem to go unanswered, like some of Jeremiah's prayers did?
 - What unanswered prayers are you struggling with right now, and how might viewing them through the lens of 'yes, no, or not now' change your perspective?
- The story of Alan Gardner showed remarkable faith in the face of tragedy. How can we cultivate that kind of trust in God's goodness even in our darkest moments?
 - What helps you remember God's goodness during difficult times in your life?
- The sermon ended with a focus on surrender to God's will, similar to Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane: 'Not my will, but yours be done.' What makes surrendering to God's will so challenging for us?
 - What areas of your life do you find most difficult to surrender to God, and why?