

The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Matthew 11:5-6

Breaking of Bread & Fellowship

Take some time to share a meal and build relationships. Use the questions below to foster discussion.

When was a time you had expectations that were not met? Was the problem your expectations or a lack of communication?

How does the way you care for your mental health change as we transition from Summer to Fall?

Review this week's sermon. Share your favorite part, points you related to most, or questions with the group. Main Idea: **Jesus is the definer of reality we all need.**

Teaching

Read Matthew 11:1-19 together as a group. As you read, make note of any key phrases that stand out or any questions that arise. Then, use the questions and scripture references for group discussion.

1

According to **Matt 3:1-12**, what was John expecting from Jesus? Jesus didn't meet John's expectations. Take time to discuss expectations we have of God's Kingdom. Do your expectations line up with Jesus' ministry? How do you respond when Jesus doesn't meet your expectations?

Matt 11:2-3

2

Read the promises of the coming day of salvation in **Isa 29:18-19, 35:5-6, and 61:1**. How do we see the fulfillment of this in Jesus' response to John? What was Jesus' purpose in sending this message to John?

Matt 11:4-5

3

Jesus did not meet cultural expectations. If we are to follow Him, in what ways should we defy cultural expectations? What will people think of us as followers of Jesus?

*Matt 11:16-19
Matt 10:16-24
Luke 19:1-10
John 4:7-10
Rom 12:2*

Prayer

Pray that we would put aside our expectations and be open to Jesus doing things in our lives that are unexpected, trusting God's promises and plan.

Pray for a right view of God's Kingdom.

Pray Proverbs 3:5-8. Have somebody pray this passage for your group.