

## Opener

1. What kinds of expectations did you grow up holding? What are some examples of common expectations we share in our culture?
2. Have you ever suffered from an unmet expectation? Share that story with your group.

## Discussion

1. Read Matthew 11:1-15, then Mark 6:14-29. What parts of this story stand out to you?
2. What was John the Baptist's role as a prophet and what did Jesus think of him?
3. Based on John's question of Jesus in Matthew 11:3, what do you think John thought of Jesus? How do you think you would have responded in a similar circumstance?
4. In this series of scriptures, Jesus does not measure up to John's expectations. Have you ever found yourself expecting something different from Jesus than what you received?
5. Is it okay to have doubts about your faith and still be a Christian?
6. Pastor Ray talked about dealing with doubt by 1, going back to what has been heard (planting self in the word of God) and 2, going back to what has been seen (planting self firmly in the witness of God's faithfulness). Talk about how you can apply these two "doubt dealers" to your life.

