



Small Group Discipleship Guide

September 27: Selected Texts – The Expectation Gap

CONNECT

A few minutes of care, celebration, and prayer.

1. How have you seen God at work this week?
 2. What is one celebration and one challenge that we can pray about today? (*pray now*)
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REFLECT

Look back on how God worked through last week's commitments.

3. Last week, each of us committed to take one step of obedience. How did it go?
 4. Who were you able to encourage, serve, invite, or share with?
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DISCUSS

Read the primary Scriptures together.

5. **Read John 13:12-15.** What does this passage teach us about Jesus Christ's love for us? What does it look like to love others as Jesus loved us?
 6. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.** What is one item from the list that you need to put into practice this week in how you relate to your spouse or to others?
 7. Read aloud the vows for this week. What light do they shine in your life? What does it look like for you to put these vows into practice?
 - a. I vow to appreciate who you are rather than resent who I expect you to be.
 - b. I vow to receive the life God has given me rather than resent the life I expected.
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RESPOND

Write these commitments down.

8. **Follow Jesus:** What is one step of obedience God is asking you to take this week?
 9. **Grow in Community:** How can this group pray for you, encourage you, or hold you accountable as you take that step.
 10. **Go on Mission:** Who is one person God is placing on your heart to encourage, serve, invite, or share Jesus with this week?
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