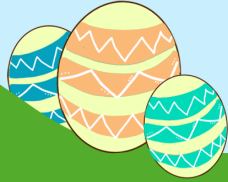


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EXPECT GOD

PASTOR FERNANDO | 2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17

BOUNDARIES ARE GOOD, BUT NOT WHEN IT COMES TO VISION FOR LIFE, MUCH LESS WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT GOD IS AND WHAT HE CAN DO IN AND THROUGH US.

A story is told about the city fathers of New York as they contemplated the future growth of the city. They laid out the streets and numbered them from the center outward. When they began, there were only six or seven streets. In their planning maps, they projected how large they thought the city might grow. Reaching beyond their wildest imagination, they drew streets on the map all the way out to 19th street. They called it "Boundary Street" because they were sure that's as large as New York City would become. But history has proven them to be shortsighted. At the last count, the city had reached 284th Street – far exceeding their expectations!

Are you expecting God for great things? Or, have you placed God on Boundary Street? You see, God is worthy of your highest expectations, because when we place our expectations in who God is, and what He can do, he'll never disappoint. In fact, God wants you to have an upgraded trust and faith that will lead you to a pleasurable anticipation of God regardless of your circumstances.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: **Pray, Reflect, and Reach.** Keep in mind the time allowances. In the **Reflect** section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

Pray as a group with the expectation that He is with you and that He is going to move in a special way during your meeting. Give thanks because He is worthy of your trust.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. **According to the teaching, what do you think you need to maintain a life of pleasant anticipation in God?**

NOW MAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF, AND GOD OUR FATHER, WHO LOVED US AND GAVE US ETERNAL COMFORT AND GOOD HOPE THROUGH GRACE...

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16

2. Pastor Fernando mentioned that we should expect the presence of God. **What did he mean by that and how should it apply to your work, home, school or need?**

EXPECT GOD TO BE WHERE YOU ARE, MAKE IT YOUR AMBITION TO PLEASE HIM, AND YOU WILL EXPERIENCE MORE OF HIS PRESENCE.

3. **In your own words, explain what the next statement means and why it is important for us to understand: “God’s faithfulness promised in his Word is not always how we expect his faithfulness to look.”**

4. **Is there an area of your life that needs God’s intervention? Share it with your group, and pray expecting God to unleash His life-giving power over you and your circumstances.**



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK’S MISSIONAL LIVING TIP:

Share with another Christian what you learned this week, with the expectation that God will use it to encourage them. Pray for a lost person with the expectation that God will give you the opportunity to share the good news, and share it with the expectation that God is at work.



REACH (5 min)

Make a resolution this week to pray with the expectation of God's answer. Try to shape your daily activities around the expectation of God's presence with you. And next week we would love to hear what God has done with you and through you.