

EXPECTATIONS

LUKE 7:18-35

John's Expectations: (vv. 18-23)

Crowd's Expectations: (vv. 24-28)

Religious Leader's Expectations: (vv. 29-35)

Take Home Idea: Don't expect God to follow your tune, instead follow His.

FURTHER STUDY QUESTIONS

Opening

- Review Pastor Joel's sermon. What struck you about the sermon? What do you have questions about?
- What kind of expectations did you have on first job? How were things different?

Dig

- Why is John in prison (see 3:20)? From what you know of John the Baptist, how would you describe him?
- What expectations did John have of Jesus? How do you think John thought Jesus ought to act (see 3:16-17)?
- How does Jesus answer John's question?
- From Isaiah 29:18-19; 35:5-6; 61:1 how might John interpret Jesus's reply?
- How might John have taken Jesus' added blessing?
- How does Jesus affirm John to the crowd? As great as John was, who is greater? Why?
- How does the people's response to John contrast to that of the Pharisees?

Reflect

- When do your expectations of Jesus bring you disappointment or doubt? What do you do?
- Reflect on the "Blessing" of Jesus in vs. 23. What does that mean to you? How do you keep from "falling away" from Christ?
- Close this time by praying together as a family.