

## Getting into Our Lives .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. How has repentance figured into your relationship with Christ?
2. How do your unmet expectations of God or Jesus (from your list) fight against your faith? How can you fight back?
3. Where in society (or in people you know) do you see this sort of fickle mentality toward Jesus and His followers that we saw in the text?

## Getting Out the Gospel .....Group time - 10 minutes

Could you explain the heart of the Christian message (the gospel) in about 1 minute? Make a bullet point list of the key truths you think need to be included and then time yourself explaining them and practice with your group.

## Getting into Prayer .....Group time - 10 minutes

**Reach:** Pray for an opportunity to share part of the gospel with someone this week.

**Grow:** Pray that the seen and understood aspects of Jesus' work would help lead us in the difficult and unknown parts of following Him.

**Empower:** Pray that God would align our expectations to His plan.

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## **How to Be All In** **Matthew 11:1-19**

*“Preach it until they get it!”*

### **I. Scene One: Jesus, the Christ**

*Matt 11:1*

*“Repent, the King of Heaven is at hand”*

*“Repent, you don’t know how long you have!”*

*“Repent, God is ready to move into your life”*

*“Repent, I’m building my Kingdom, come be a part”*

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### **II. Scene Two: John, the Baptizer**

*Matt 11:2-3*

*‘deeds’ not ‘words’*

### **III. Scene Three: Jesus & Others**

*Matt 11:3-19*

*Jesus with John’s disciples (Matt 11:3-6)*

A strategy of four words: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus with the ‘spectators’ (Matt 11:7-15)*

The Question: What did you expect?

*Jesus and us! (Matt 11:16-19)*

The Question: When will you get it?

*“Wisdom is justified by her deeds.”*

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***I never knew:***

***I need to change:***

***I should share:***

# GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of September 23, 2018

## Getting Started .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. As a child, what were some misconceptions you had about being an adult?
2. What was an expectation you had (in a new job, friendship, marriage) that went unmet? How did you come to grips with that disappointment?
3. When have you had or planned a surprise that looked like an unmet expectation until the surprise was revealed?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting into God's Word .....Group time - 40 minutes

### Read Matthew 10:11:1-3

1. What has been the common message of John the Baptist and Jesus? **See also: Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17; 10:7**
2. How would you explain the biblical idea of "repentance"? Why is it necessary?
3. Why do you think John questions if Jesus really is the Messiah? What were his expectations? **See also: Matthew 3:10-12; John 1:29-34**

### Read Matthew 11:4-6

4. How does Jesus respond to John's doubt? Why would this help his faith?

### BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?

One of the most important parts of pre-marital counseling is listing our unspoken expectations. Make a list of your unspoken expectations of Christ/God:

Put a + next to expectations with a biblical reason. Put a – next to ones that do not. If you're not sure, leave it blank. *How do you think Jesus would respond to your list?*

### Read Matthew 11:7-15

5. What does Jesus tell us about John the Baptist? What is Jesus' purpose in talking about John and the kingdom?
6. What makes people in the kingdom of heaven "greater" than John?

### Read Matthew 11:16-19

7. How did some people respond to John and Jesus? What does Jesus' illustration explain about the people of His time?

### Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5

8. Do you think the Bible accurately depicts people today? What are we to do in the face of such fickleness?