

## Even Me Road to Emmaus

**We can expect God to work in all things for our good.** Oftentimes, unmet expectations lead to despair. Whether they are appropriate or inappropriate, when someone or something fails to meet an expectation, the results can be painful. In our own personal relationship with God, He may be working and moving in ways we never anticipated. When our eyes cannot easily see what He is doing, disappointment and even resentment may arise. But we can always trust that God is working all things for the good of those who love Him and who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). When we face a situation in which God does not meet our expectations, we look to the cross – His death, burial, and resurrection – as a reminder that He is good and can be trusted.

### GETTING STARTED

Do you agree with the idea that *expectations are premeditated resentments*? If this statement is true, then expectations just lead to resentment. So should we have expectations at all? What do appropriate and inappropriate expectations look like?

### GO DEEPER

1. In Luke 24:13-16, Jesus appears after His resurrection to the two men on a road to Emmaus who did not recognize Him. Pastor David suggests that it was their own inappropriate expectations that kept them from recognizing Jesus. What do you think were those unhealthy or inappropriate expectations? What expectations do we place on Jesus today that are inappropriate, unrealistic, or unhealthy?
2. In Hebrew 11:33-40, we read of believers who are commended for their faith but who did not experience deliverance or the miraculous in their lives. So to what extent should we pursue or have the expectancy of God to work miraculously in our lives?

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What expectations do you have of God that are unmet? Why is the cross significant when God has not met your expectations?
2. Romans 8:28 says that God works all things for the good of those who love Him. To what level do you believe that God is working for your good? How is He working right now for your good in whatever situation you may be facing?
3. What can you do this Easter season as an expression of confidence that God is working for your good?

### PRACTICE IT NOW

Take some time as a group to ask God to open your eyes to see Him and to see how He is working in your lives. Ask for an increased measure of faith to stand firm in whatever situations you are facing, believing that God is working all things for your good.

### BLESS

How can you be intentional in creating a time and a place to hear what someone is going through in their unmet expectations?