

Small Group Questions: Great Expectations

Series: The Tide is Rising

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Read

Ephesians 3:20; John 7:38; Luke 3:15-16; Nehemiah 4:7-9; Nehemiah 6:3-4

Reflect

Paul wrote to the Ephesians about their faith in God. He remembers them in prayers, asking for wisdom and love. Also, Paul reminds them of God's strength and mercy. What areas of your life need evaluation? How can you prepare to make adjustments? Are you praying to God for guidance?

Pastor Josh Surratt highlights the following:

1. How do I rise with a rising tide?

- a. As you pray for God's expectations, are you asking through scripture rather than disappointment?
- b. The tide is rising for Seacoast. Read John 7:38. How can you prepare using God's word?
- c. What are you tied to that you need to let go of, as the tide rises?

2. Expect God to do what he said in his word.

- a. What did John the Baptist tell people about Jesus?
- b. God will provide us wisdom, if we ask him. Read and study James 1:5.

3. Expect resistance.

- a. Read and discuss Nehemiah 6:3-4.

"I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?" Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.

- b. Discuss the lyrics of "Greater Still" and God's strength with grace.
- c. As you think about your expectations, what resistance do you foresee? How will you persevere?

4. Expect in prayer.

- a. God will guide you on the right path. Are you praying and listening? Study and discuss Luke 11:9-13.
- b. Are you praying for your expectations or God's expectations of you?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?