

MESSAGE NOTES

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SERIES: "SCRIPTURE AND THE LIFE OF GOD"

MESSAGE: "EXPECTATION AND THE LIFE OF GOD"

IN THIS SERIES, YOU'RE ENCOURAGED TO EXAMINE

1. What you _____ about Scripture
2. What you _____ with Scripture
3. How you can be _____ into the life of God through Scripture

WHEN IT COMES TO EXPECTATIONS, THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF DISBELIEF ABOUT SCRIPTURE

1. _____ disbelief = a worldview that _____ direct acts of God and the existence of a wider spiritual world
2. _____ disbelief = a worldview that is _____ to the possibility of accounts of miraculous healing, angels, and the resurrection from the dead but keeps a cool distance

GOD'S INVOLVEMENT IN OUR WORLD

1. Scripture _____ our vision outside of the world that we can see and touch
2. Scripture _____ us about the intersections between the world of the Spirit and our material world
3. Scripture _____ us to expect more of God than we normally do

"The biblical God is one who acts. If we do not receive this God in our reading of the Bible, then we worship a god of our own invention, one who can never truly surprise or delight us, who is confined simply to the limits of our own imagination. That is not the God of the Bible." DAVID WATSON

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have." 1 COR 12:7-11

- We have been _____ not to expect very much of God
- Our prayers tend to _____ those expectations
- In places where God is _____ and _____ God does stuff (miracles of healing, prophecy, words of knowledge, wisdom, and so much more!)

WHAT IF WE CREATED A CULTURE OF _____ WHEN IT COMES TO THE WORK OF GOD?

"When we read about God's works among the people of Israel, Jesus, and his first followers, this can help us to understand who God is and how God works. This does not mean that God will solve every problem or heal every illness, but rather that God will in fact work in remarkable, sometimes dramatic ways, in the very day-to-day fabric of our lives" WATSON

- What if we _____ in expectation?
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