

**“Giving Up Our Expectations”**  
**Luke 22:39-46**  
**Sermon Discussion Questions, p. 1**

**Hope Fellowship**  
**March 8, 2015**

**Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this Sunday’s service or sermon did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, troubling or interesting? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you think about the popular idea that “you can accomplish anything if you just follow your dreams”?
  - a. Is it a message that has proven to be true in your own life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. In light of Sunday’s message about “following God’s dreams and focusing on God’s expectations” is it a message that we should continue to tell our children or ourselves? Is there a way we can balance these two messages?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. According to Pastor Peter, “Disappointment is the gap between expectation and reality.” Spend some time telling each other some of the ways that you have been disappointed by life, others and even God because of unmet or unrealized expectations.

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Going Deeper**

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1. Read Luke 22:39-46.

a. What expectation did Jesus have for his disciples when he left them to pray alone? How would you feel about your friends if they failed to meet this expectation?

b. What wish did Jesus express when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane? Are you surprised that he would pray for this? Why or why not?

c. Jesus prayed: “Yet not my will, but yours be done.”  
What would happen to our lives if we really made God’s will a priority and were more intentional about putting his expectations and dreams before our own? If possible, encourage and inspire each other with specific examples of exchanging one of your expectations or dreams with God’s.

d. Doing what Jesus expects comes with at a price (see Luke 9:57-62).

- Why is it good to know in advance that life as a Christian involves various sacrifices and hardships?

- How prepared are you to pay the cost of discipleship for seeking and advancing God’s kingdom?

2. Is there anything you want or need to do as a result of Sunday’s challenge to “exchange your expectations for God’s expectations and align your dreams with God’s dreams?”