



Week 1: Setting Your Expectations Bomi Roberson

WARM UP QUESTION: What are some ways that you feel you were able to experience God this week?

READ: *Jude 1:20, Proverbs 24:14, John 11:17-44*

FOCUS: Adjusting your life to expect from God.

OBSERVE:

- Knowing that we are here by divine appointment, we can start to see breakthrough by building our faith.
- Expectations equate to our hopes. It is defined as what we anticipate that God will do based on what He has promised. It is important for each of us to expect and believe God for all that He has promised us, whether we receive it immediately or whether we must continue to contend for it. We do this by adjusting our posture, sitting up because we know that God has living water for us.
- We also must go through the 'Promise Road' facing any fears, disappointments, discouragement or hopelessness by using the word of God so that we can walk into the realization of the promises of God.
- In the story of Mary and Martha upon the death of Lazarus, each of the ladies had established friendships with Jesus which inherently held expectations for their interactions.

- In this moment, however, Martha's heart was in a different place than her head. She knew what was right but felt that so much in the situation was wrong.
- She also had to deal with the negative voices around her, the people that could be considered as "enemies of progress."
- Lastly, she had to make the decision to roll away the stone, to deal with anything that hindered the miracle from happening, whether that was unbelief, sin or vice, not serving, not being in community. God had a bigger purpose in all that He wanted to address that was beyond the need she was wanting to have met. He wants us to live a life that is based on believing the truth.

REFLECT:

- What are you believing for God to do? Have you considered what God's role in that situation may be? Which scriptures or truths are you standing on as you walk along the 'Promise Road'?

TAKE ACTION:

- Find one way that you can use the breakthroughs or the gifts and talents you already have to encourage someone this week.
- Ask God for a plan to help you remove any hindrances that are keeping you from the miracles you are wanting to see; then, take the first step towards accomplishing that plan.

PRAY:

Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness. Thank You that You are with us in every step and every moment of our walk from the promise to the realization. Help us enjoy the process and help us remove the hindrances. Let our breakthroughs glorify Your name. Amen.

