

# GOD'S EXPECTATION

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

### Key Takeaways

- 1.) God has expectations for us, just as He had for Adam in the Garden of Eden. These expectations have not changed over time.
- 2.) Disobedience to God's expectations leads to consequences and punishment, while obedience brings blessings and rewards.
- 3.) We must love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbors as ourselves.
- 4.) Being obedient to God must become our lifestyle. We should study His Word continually and keep His commandments.
- 5.) We need to examine our hearts and remove anything that might take God's place, including materialistic things and even certain people.

### Discussion Questions

- 1.) What are some of the expectations God has for us as His children? How do these expectations compare to the ones He had for Adam in the Garden of Eden?
- 2.) Share an experience where you faced consequences for disobeying God's expectations. What did you learn from that experience?
- 3.) How can we practically demonstrate our love for God with all our heart, soul, and mind? What does it look like to love our neighbors as ourselves?
- 4.) What are some common obstacles that prevent us from being fully obedient to God? How can we overcome these obstacles?
- 5.) Are there any materialistic things or people in your life that might be taking God's place in your heart? What steps can you take to prioritize your relationship with God?

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### Practical Applications

- 1.) Spend time daily studying God's Word and meditating on His instructions. Make a commitment to obey everything written in it.
- 2.) Examine your heart and ask God to reveal anything that might be hindering your relationship with Him. Be willing to let go of materialistic things or unhealthy relationships that are taking God's place in your life.
- 3.) Demonstrate your love for God by serving others and being a light in your community. Look for opportunities to show love and compassion to your neighbors.
- 4.) Hold each other accountable in your small group to prioritize your relationship with God and live a lifestyle of obedience. Encourage and support one another in this journey.
- 5.) Pray for the men in your life (fathers, husbands, brothers, sons) to rise up and lead their families and communities according to God's expectations. Offer support and encouragement as they seek to fulfill their God-given roles.

### Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word and the expectations You have set for us as Your children. Help us to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us the strength and wisdom to live a lifestyle of obedience, continually studying Your Word and keeping Your commandments. Reveal anything in our lives that might be taking Your place, and give us the courage to let go of those things. Use us as instruments of Your love and light in this world. We pray for the men in our lives, that they would rise up and lead according to Your expectations. Thank You for Your love and grace.

In Jesus' name, amen.