

EXPECTATIONS WK 3

Expectation, it's something that every single one of us have in our life. Expectations on our friends, expectations on our family, expectations on ourselves... But did you know that it's important to have an expectation in our faith? Over the next few weeks leading up to Student Conference we will be looking at what it means to have a healthy expectation in our faith

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-5

In this passage, we see the presence of the Lord revealed in the burning bush!

TENSION

How do I experience the presence of God and who is the presence of God for?

ICEBREAKER

Talk about a time when you had a fire safety presentation where you learned to Stop, Drop, and Roll! What if I told you this is the same model for experiencing the presence of God?

PT 1 // STOP

- a. We need to stop spectating and start experiencing.
- b. Have you ever tried to tell a friend about a restaurant they have never been to that you literally love?
- c. The Lord revealed himself to Moses, but it was when Moses went over to look that God revealed WHO he is.
 - i. Moses took it upon himself to go towards God, because before God spoke he showed himself.
 - ii. We have to actively seek out the things of God.
 - iii. Do not just be a spectator but live in expectation!
- d. Realize that God goes the 90, but all he asks of you is the 10.
 - i. God used a mountain, found a bush, and lit it on fire....all Moses had to do was take off his sandals and step in...

PT 2 // DROP

- God tells Moses not to come any closer and to take off his sandals because he was standing on holy ground.
- Two things to note about sandals - they are dirty, and they protect your feet.

ILLUSTRATION: Talk about a time you stepped on leggos! How painful it was! Here is mine:

- Who has siblings? Now who has siblings that play with leggos? How many of you were the sibling or child that played with leggos?
 - I never wanted to take my shoes off in my brothers room because he always had leggos laying out all over the ground like a minefield!
 - Moses was on top of a MOUNTAIN, can't imagine it would be very 'smooth.' but the Lord told him to take off his sandals...why?
 - In that day it was a sign of respect and reverence for the Holiness of God...but I also think it was for the same two reasons...dirt and

protection.

- Some of you have been holding onto things that you need to let go of that is hindering you from fully entering into the presence of God. Some of you may have been keeping your sandals on because it is a security blanket for you keeping you from past hurts, pain, fear, etc.
- Tonight the Lord is saying take off your sin, take off your shame, there is no condemnation in my presence so leave it at the door! God is saying take it off tonight is HOLY GROUND! TONIGHT FAITH STUDENTS IS ENTERING A PLACE OF HOLY GROUND!

PT 3 // ROLL

- God tells Moses he is to speak to Pharaoh to let the Israelites out of Egypt and become a free people.
- Vs. 11-14
- When we know who is sending us, we are empowered to go! It is so important we KNOW God because once we know God, we have the understanding that we already have the victory. We can laugh fear in the face because the devil has no power over us. But if we do not KNOW who God is, then we will never understand the power that is within us
- If we never know the power inside of us, we will never be able to walk in authority, and if we never walk in authority we will never see liberation as Moses did when the Israelites were freed from Egypt!
- God is sending you out to your friends, families, schools to bring freedom to those who are still held captive by sin! God's presence is not just for you, it is for everyone!

RESPONSE:

- Encourage students to stop and recognize God, drop their sin/desires, and go after his presence!
- A good action step would be having student conference invites scattered on stage or floor (wherever your context) have them think of 3 friends who need to know Jesus, and have them pray over those 3 cards! Challenge them to go out just as Moses did, so that their friends can find liberation like the Israelites!
- Give each student a conference devotional so they can draw near to God's presence and have burning bush moments this week.