

4 Questions for the passage (self-study):

What is God teaching us about Himself?

What is God teaching us about our self?

What is God teaching us about others?

So what?

Rock Solid Series - Gospel of John

*Ch 1-2 Discover Truth, Ch 3-4 Ask Questions, Ch 4-5 Build on Evidence, Ch 6-7 Deepen your Faith, Ch 8-9 Face Challenges,
Ch 10 Be Discerning*

Start Right & Finish Strong – Celebrate the Gift of Growth

“For unto us a child is born, unto us, a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

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Dec 18 – God, Grow My Awareness

Dec 25 – God, Grow My Expectations

Jan 1 – God, Grow My Experiences

Focus Text: John 12:12-19

Introduction:

- Have you ever not wanted to have **EXPECTATIONS** so you will not be disappointed?
- The Old Testament is **FILLED** with expectations which **SHAPES** the churches expectations

Personal Insights: _____

BIRTHING an expectation was God’s idea. Vs 13

- Consider the OT **PROPHECY**
- These created **MENTAL IMAGES** like cleverly wrapped gifts conceal the contents
- Humanity didn’t know to ask for a **MESSIAH**

Personal Insights: _____

God often CLARIFIES an expectation through our life experiences. Vs. 14-15

- Emotions can cause us to miss **REALITY**
- Don’t **BULLDOZE** past what you see happening
- How is God...see the **TOP** of the outline

Personal Insights: _____

REALIZED expectations of God may come later than we would think. Vs 16

- The greatest insight comes through **UNCERTAINTY**
- You don’t have to know everything to go **FORWARD**
- Trust the heart of God – He is ...
- We are between the resurrection and the **RETURN**

Personal Insights: _____

What do you want from God this Christmas?

SO What – NOW What _____

Tasks to be done later – write them down, leave them, and get back to the message! _____

Prayer Concerns:

Notes for Personal Study:



SERMON NOTES

The Church that Jesus commissioned is a Church that must be a Disciple-Making Church! The Bible shows a disciple is one who has encountered Christ, been changed by Christ and is following Christ with other believers.

I see the Sunday message as one part of the disciple-making process, so I am intentional with sermon notes. Please note:

1. The blanks that are provided are intended to provide a framework for God’s message to you.
2. The personal insight blanks are intended for you to reflect on what God is saying to you.
3. The sermon notes and your notes are intended for us to move through an intentional, discipleship process.

I pray today’s message strengthens you in your walk with Jesus and the overflow impacts others!

Pastor Matt