

Matthew 11:2-10

1. How has God not lived up to your expectations? How have you responded? (Depending on the comfort level of the group – this may need to be a silent reflection to set the stage for discussion)

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2. What prompts John's question of Jesus? (Hint: Where is he? What has he heard? How are they fertile ground for his doubts?)
3. (Read Matthew 3) What was John's personal expectation of Jesus from his message?
4. Jesus responds by pointing to two prophecies from Isaiah that animated Messianic expectation. Read Isaiah 61:1-2, and Isaiah 35:3-6. What pieces of these passages does Jesus leave out of his response to John in vs. 4 that would have been at the heart of John's doubt?
5. John takes his doubt to the source – to Jesus – how can we practically take our doubt to the source?

