

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

Sunday 14th February. Jane Hulme

Bible Passages

Luke 24:13-35

Theme & Introduction

This study is the 2nd in the series on “Prayer” as we think about our “rhythms of life.” In this study we will be looking at the impact of disappointment upon our prayer lives. You will find it helpful to begin this study by reading Luke 24:13-35

Questions

1. Jane suggested that disappointment and especially disappointment with God can “*hijack your prayer life.*” Discuss.
2. As you think about your own prayer life, share with one another some of the things that have either weakened your prayer life or stopped you from praying for a season.
3. The two disciples who were deeply disappointed with Jesus **walked away** from Jerusalem; walking away from the place where they had experienced so much with Jesus and **turning their backs** on the rest of the disciples. When we are disappointed, we might be tempted to walk away from regular worship and prayer meetings and turn our backs on fellowship.
 - Is that your experience?
 - How can we help each other through such times?
4. The 2 disciples expressed their disappointment very honestly with Jesus when they said: “*But we had hoped that...*” How easy do you find it to be totally honest with God when you pray? Look at Psalm 102:1-11 and share what strikes you about how the Psalmist talks with God.
5. Jane said that our disappointments with Jesus can come from having a wrong **image** and **expectation of Him**. eg. Jesus has called us to “*deny ourselves and take up our cross*” (Luke 9:23) and then we expect Him to “*airlift us out of our problems and difficulties.*”
 - What sort of wrong expectations of Jesus might we have that cause us to be disappointed with Him?
6. Finish by reading the Scriptures below and praying that each one of us will have a right image and expectation of Jesus.
John 10:10, 1John 3:8b, Luke 4:18-19, Mark 10:45, Matthew 10:34-35, Luke 19:10

