

“The Silver Lining”
February 14, 2010
Matthew 11:1-6 (ESV)
LG Study

MY STORY

1. How do you usually deal with disappointments?
2. When was the last time you were disappointed with God? What expectations did you have for God which God “failed” to meet? How did you deal with your disappointment with God?
3. Have you ever prayed for something to which God responded with a “No,” but later were glad he did not grant what you had asked for?

DIGGINER DEEPR

1. Read John 3:22-36 & Matthew 11:7-11 and answer the following:
 - What can you infer about John’s faith concerning Jesus (3:22-36)?
 - What was Jesus’ “review” of John and his life (v.11)?
 - What was John’s role in terms of Jesus’ ministry and how important was his ministry to God’s plan (v.10)?
2. Read Hebrews 10:22 and 4:16. What does this passage call God’s children to do? What are some things that seem to stand in your way of doing what you are called to do—ie. past experience, guilt, hurt, and etc?

2. Read Matthew 27:46. Who is the one talking to God in this passage and how does your finding encourage you to be more transparent with God about your feelings toward God?

3. This past week, we learned how God responded to John’s doubts and disappointment with Jesus. Let’s take a look at another great example of how God deals with our doubts and disappointments with Him.

Read 1 Kings 19:1-8 and answer the following:

- What is the state of Elijah concerning his faith in God?
- How does God respond to Elijah? List examples.
- If you had to describe in one word God’s dealing with Elijah in the text, what word would you use and why?

BRINGING IT HOME

Through last week’s teaching and this week’s study, we learned that disappointments and doubts are unavoidable “companions” in our journey with God. We also learned that God does not abandon or rebuke us in our moments of doubts. Instead, God offers His compassion and presence in the midst of our doubts for our Heavenly Father is absolutely and eternally committed to all His children.

1. Read Deuteronomy 31:8 and Habakkuk 3:17-18 as a group and share how God spoke to you through those words.
2. Please continue to share your Life Journal as a group.

** LifeGroup Study questions are available for pick up at the Information Center located in the lobby. They are also available online at www.ynccla.org.

** CDs of today’s message as well as previous weeks’ sermons are available in the YNCC office. Sermons are also viewable online at www.ynccla.org/sermons.

