

## INTRODUCTION

In the third week of our series *Church is More Than,* Pastor Jesse discusses our expectations of church and what shapes them. Using examples of how Jesus interacted with three different people, we begin to see how our expectations need to be shaped when it comes to the church.

## DISCUSSION

- 1. What expectations do you currently have for church [the service, pastor, worship, etc.]?
- 2. The first person Pastor Jesse discusses expected Jesus to solve his problem the way he wanted it solved. Read Proverbs 18:13. What does this tell us about assuming the same thing about Jesus?
- 3. The second person wanted to be affirmed for what he was already doing. Read Ephesians 2:3-5. How does God affirm us?
- 4. Read John 6:34-36. How does this answer the question, "What do I really need?

## TAKE ACTION

- 1. Serve Purposefully with one of our missions partners.
- 2. Write down affirmations you're seeking from God and spend time with Him aligning them with His purpose.
- 3. Instead of focusing on having what you want now, spend time with a friend or a neighbor and do an activity they enjoy.

## RESOURCES

- 1. Watch Who You Are Supposed to Be with Mike Foster on RightNow Media
- 2. Watch Expectation with Jordan Gash on RightNow Media
- 3. Read "Unrealistic Expectations of the Body of Christ" by Clay Sterrett