

# Youth



## ✓ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

## ✓ Expectations

Show the "Haggle" clip.

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- What did you think of this clip? How did the expectations of the shop-keeper get in the way of doing business?
- Tell of a time when your expectations of something did not match up to the reality of a situation. Do you think you have unrealistic expectations of God? Why or why not?
- As specific as possible, what are some of your expectations of God in:
  - Protecting your family
  - The makeup of your future family
  - Your health
  - your future job
  - the church
  - your comfort and happiness
  - being a disciple of Christ
- How do you think you will respond if your expectations do not end up being a reality?
- Do you think it is a priority of God to meet our expectations? Why or why not?

## ✓ Reality

Read Matthew 16:21-28.

- What do you think were Peter's expectations of Jesus, especially after his declaration in verse 16? How did Peter react when his expectations did not appear to be accurate?
- How would you have responded to Jesus' rebuke if you were Peter? Why?
- What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus?
  - Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.
  - Play the "Pride" movie clip.
- How is this video similar to the passage we just read?

- Have you ever had a coach, parent, teacher, etc. who rebuked you when you did something wrong? Why did they do this? Do you think a mentor who saw potential in you would be more likely or less likely to rebuke you? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus rebuked Peter for his comments? How did these comments affect him and inspire him to reach his potential?
- In what areas have you struggled to reach your potential in your journey with God? How is that struggle an important part of the journey?
- How can this group help you to reach your potential as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

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