

January 15th, What Were You Expecting?
Part 3 in the series 'First Things First'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Have you ever witnessed a crime in person?

In what ways is Jesus unpredictable?

Read Mark 6:2-6

“When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.”

Why did Jesus do no great work around those most familiar with Him?

Should familiarity with Jesus increase or decrease our readiness for Him to do great things?

What role does God invite us to play in His work on the earth?

How can we prepare for this role?

Read Galatians 6:9

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

What are some things that we should not grow weary of?

Why do you think our journey with Jesus is referred to primarily as a walk?

Read Hebrews 6:10-12

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”

If salvation is a gift of grace, not works, why would God keep track of our works?

Have you seen God do great things? If so, what have you seen?

Pray for Pastor Jim as he travels to Europe to train other pastors!