

THE EXPECTATION GAP

I BELIEVE GOD IS WITH ME, BUT I DON'T SEE HIM – Ron Williams

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Sermon Recap:

Big Idea: I experience God's PRESENCE when I TURN my ATTENTION toward the God who is PRESENT.

1. PAY attention
2. TURN your attention
 - PAUSE and REMEMBER
 - God is WITH you
 - God is AHEAD of you
 - Leave the RESULTS to GOD
3. TRUST God

Life Group Questions:

Starter Question: What stood out to you about this weekend's message?

- 1 - The gap we explored today is when "I believe God is with me, but I don't see him." This is where a given situation seems to occupy your attention more than God's presence. Can you think of individuals in the Bible who went through something like this?
- 2 - When you hear the phrase "God feels distant," what current or past experience comes to mind?
- 3 - Ron also talked about Steve Cuss's "Big Five" false needs which are the need for control, perfection, knowing the answer, being there for people, and the need for approval. What one or two of these resonates with you the most?
- 4 - Read Psalm 46:10. What do you think it looks like to 'be still and know that [He] is God.'
- 5 - How can we as a life group create a safe environment where people don't feel pressured to fake being "fine"?
- 6 - Discuss Ron's closing question: "What are you carrying today that God never asked you to carry?"