



## Rough Crowd- Week 3

We're all aware of our own flaws, screw-ups, and bad decisions. Nobody's perfect—we all miss the mark. But, God can do remarkable things with unexpected people. What could he do with a rough crowd like us?

### Conversation Starter:

Describe a time when you ordered something based on an image, but found yourself disappointed when the product came. (*Hint: Could be an article of clothing, or a menu item at a restaurant, etc.*)

### Discussion Questions:

**Question 1:** Share about a time when your circumstances changed for the better. How did that make you feel? (*Hint: secure, optimistic, happy*)

- **Read Matthew 11:2-11**

**Question 2:** John the Baptist's purpose in life was to introduce people to Jesus. What caused John the Baptist to doubt Jesus? What makes *his* doubt so significant?

**Question 3:** Too often we believe the lie that our circumstances reflect God's feelings about us. Why do you think this is a natural tendency?

**Question 4:** In the message, Jason said, "*Your doubts don't disqualify you from following.*" Have you ever felt disqualified by your doubts? Share about that. How can John's story encourage us when we feel this way?

- **[Watch Jessica and Fransisco's Story]**

**Question 5:** When our circumstances shift, our confidence in God can be shaken. What experiences have occurred in your story that has caused you to doubt God's love and care for you?

**Question 6:** Don't let what's unexplainable overshadow what is undeniable. Looking back on what God has done can help us overcome times of darkness and doubt. Why do you agree or disagree?

### Prayer:

We all have things in our lives that don't make sense, but we don't have to hold in those hurts and disappointments. Spend some time talking to God about your doubts. Ask for help remembering the truth of who Jesus is and the definite ways He has worked in your life.

### Bonus:

If we are going to learn to doubt our doubts we have to remember the ways that God has come through. A great way to keep track of those moments in our lives is through a discipline called journaling. This week, take some time to grab a notebook or journal and write down the undeniable encounters you've had with God. Add to these over time and look back in seasons of questioning.