

## What Does It Mean To Be a People of Expectation? By RevWik

Each month the folks involved in the Soul Matters program create a packet of resources to support both individual and congregation engagement with the month's theme question beyond the Sunday services. As part of that packet they generate a number of questions, which individuals are encouraged to read through to see if there are any with which they particularly resonate. These questions can be used as a focus in Covenant Groups, family dinner table conversation, and even in Coffee Hour! Here are this month's:

*As always, don't treat these questions like "homework" or a list that needs to be covered in its entirety. Instead, simply pick the one question that "hooks" you most and let it lead you where you need to go. The goal of these questions is not to help you analyze what expectation means, but to figure out what being a person of expectation means for you today. So, which question is calling to you?*

1. What if "it" begins this very month?! What would happen if you knew this month was going to be the start of some yet-to-be discovered new adventure?
2. Are you expecting too much of *yourself*?
3. Are you expecting too little?
4. Have you been chasing an expectation too long? Is it time to let it go?
5. Did the lessons your parents taught you about the power and possibility of expectation prove correct?
6. Are your holiday expectations set too high?
7. Are your holiday expectations too low? Isn't this a time of expecting miracles?
8. What happens to you when you don't get what you expect? Is there work there for you?
9. Are you sure you shouldn't wait just a little bit more? Is life asking you to be patient just a little bit longer? Are you sure that expectation of yours isn't right around the bend?
10. Do you expect the best or the worst of people? Are they innocent until proven guilty or guilty until proven innocent?
11. Are you really open to "whatever comes"?
12. Has the weight of societal expectations become more than you want to bear alone?
13. What's your question? Your question may not be listed above. As always, if the above questions don't include what life is asking from you, spend the month listening to your days to hear it.