

d. \_\_\_\_\_ us to God's \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is the significance of John's statement in vs. 27? What would the religious leaders have understood from this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message you want to discuss?

## Response - Making it Practical

1. Do you have expectations that may be impeding a vital relationship with God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How can we build into our lives the truths in this portion of Scripture?

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**Scandal - Part 1**

John 1:19-28

## Life Group Study Notes

### Study based on John 1:19-28 - April 2, 2017

We all live with a certain amount of expectations. Its only natural. What happens when those expectations become a false portrait of truth.

In this opening message we see how Jewish expectations soon turned to dogma, and when events happened beyond their expectations, they soon became blind to the work God was doing, even though it was happening right in front of them.



### Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What area of life do you have the most expectations? Why?
2. What is a specific expectation you had concerning God that turned out to be either a) false, or b) slightly distorted?
3. What are some of the positive characteristics of our expectations? When can they be healthy and helpful?

### Read John 1:19-28

4. What made the religious leaders send an envoy to investigate John the Baptist? What had them concerned?
5. Why is the identity of John so important to the religious leaders? What are their expectations for John?
6. John's three-fold denial (I am not the Messiah, Elijah, or prophet) causes the religious leaders to challenge John's right to baptize? Why would this be a problem for them?
7. How do the expectations of the religious leaders act as a potential barrier that blinds them to God's work among them?
8. What were the 4 points given in the message?
  - a. They set up a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Makes us more \_\_\_\_\_ and less \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Destroys \_\_\_\_\_ and kills \_\_\_\_\_