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# Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

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**Series Title**: A Posture of Expectancy
**Key Scripture**: Psalm 5:1-3,11-12; Luke 3:15-16; Acts 3:1-8; Mark 10:46-52
**Recorded Sermon**:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XeWSnPput4&t=2906s
**Date + Speaker**: February 22, 2026; Pastor Mark Scarr

**Starter:** When expecting something, what kind of waiter are you - cool cucumber; nervous nail-biter; outward cool cucumber and inner nail-biter?

**Discussion**
Pastor Mark distinguished between Expectation and Expectancy.
Expectation: a demand; when we go to God & tell Him what He must do, and when and how to do it.
Expectancy: an openness; telling God, You know my need, and I know You can do what You want, when You want, and how You want.

1. How do expectancy and expectation each manifest in our prayer life, prayer pattern, and Christian life?
2. We should lay down our burdens before Jesus and leave them there (Psalm 5:3)? How does a posture of expectancy or expectation impact if we lay down the burdens at Jesus' feet and leave them there, or if we keep picking them back up?
3. Pastor Mark often asks us to focus on who God is beyond what He can do. How does focusing on of who God is fuel our expectancy?
4. In Acts 3:1-8, the lame man's expectations made him keep scanning the crowd. How does expectancy vs expectation affect what we focus on?
5. Expectancy affects our minds (Psalm 5:11-12; Psalm 130:5). Why does an atmosphere of expectancy breed gladness? How does expectancy vs

expectation change our mind and attitude when waiting for God's miracles? How do our minds and attitudes affect how (and if) we perceive God's miracles?

6. Expectation is limited to what our mind can conceive and what we are familiar with (Acts 3:5). How does expectation vs expectancy correspond with I Corinthians 2:9 and Ephesians 3:20?
7. The beggar's garment marked one for a certain status in life and was a response to the city thinking that beggars were becoming a bother. When we throw away what limits us to expectation, how does understanding our status in Christ and that we are not a bother to Jesus fuel our expectancy?
8. Pastor Mark identifies disappointment as a beggar's garment that keeps us from coming to Jesus. What other garments might keep us from expectancy? How does expectation (not expectancy) create disappointment and other beggar's garments for us? How can we throw them away? What does our Christian life look like with and without such garments?
9. How can we raise our level of expectancy?