



# Huddle Talks



**CELEBRATE**  
1-3 minutes

- Birthdays/Anniversaries/Weddings
- Sharing of a team member going above and beyond



**COMMUNICATE**  
1-2 minutes

- What they need to know.
- Why they need to know it.
- What you want them to do.



**CONNECT**  
2-4 minutes

## Expectations

How is everyone doing today? Hope everyone has had a good weekend.

This week, I was reading in Romans, and I was so intrigued by the way Paul talks about our expectations in chapter nine. Specifically, about how expectations kill faith — what I mean is, and I want everyone to take a minute to think about these questions yourselves:

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What do you expect His presence to be like?”

What do you expect God’s goodness in your life to look like?

What do you expect God’s answers to sounds like?

What do you expect His presence to be like?

What do you expect healing to look like?



God encourages us to put our faith in Him, knowing full well that He is big enough to exceed all expectations... in fact, He's so big that we can't even begin to think up expectations to put on Him that even touch what He can do.

The danger is when we expect an answer from God that He doesn't meet in the way we wanted Him to.

**That's when our expectations will be what keeps us from seeing the reality of what God is actually doing in our life.**

Taking it a bit farther: everyone who walks through our doors on a Sunday has expectations. Some people are expecting to be ignored. Some people might be expecting a red-carpet welcome. Some people are coming in expecting God and all of this and anything they hear in the sanctuary to fall short.

And while God doesn't put it on us to meet their expectations of Him, we are charged with being a reflection of who He is.

Are we meeting expectations when people walk through those doors expecting to feel love and healing and belonging?

Are we meeting expectations when people come in expecting nothing good to happen within these walls?

So, I will leave you with this final thought: Don't forget—God's people had an expectation of what Jesus would look like, and it's those expectations that made them miss Him.

And if I'm not careful, my expectations will make me miss Jesus, too.

Okay! Let's pray.

**1 minute of silence**



**PRAYER**