



1. At Harvest, we have some expectations for you. We expect you to give, we expect to be able to communicate with you, we expect you to be personally practicing spiritual disciplines, we expect you to care for one another, and we expect you to be a dispenser of grace.

- How do you generally feel about having expectations placed on you? When are expectations useful to relationships?

- Which of the five Harvest expectations is helping you mature as a disciple?

Matthew 25:14-30 indicates that as servants of Christ, we are entrusted with responsibilities. We are to use what we're given to gain a return on our master's (Jesus) investment. Not just individually but as a church body. The expectations listed above help us work together to keep growing and ministering in Jesus' name.

2. At Harvest, we hope you'll hold 4 spiritual priorities with us. Don't miss Sunday. Get in a group. Become a member. Join a team.

- Do you set personal priorities? Why or why not?

- How have you changed when you have kept or ignored any of these four priorities?

3. ***There are 3 interesting cultural things to remain aware of as we enter a new year. We have changed. We are apolitical. We have a history. Our changes, history and intentions to remain apolitical all come with the necessary confession that we are an imperfect church learning from our past to see how God's grace shapes us for the future.***

- How is God's grace shaping you through your past experiences to become more like him?

4. ***We focus our Sunday gathering on helping you appreciate 2 BIG emphases of expository preaching and contemporary worship. (Expository means that we study the biblical text with prayer and an analytical process to determine the plain meaning for the original audience before we interpret the meaning for our contemporary audience.)***

- What happens when you put your trust in something God has not promised or hold people to standards that go beyond God's word?

- How does your favourite music help develop your deeper understanding of God's character, promises, and work in our days?

5. ***Our 1 common mission is to make more and better disciples of Jesus who love God and love people.***

- Do your personal life goals overlap or clash with the above mission statement?
- How can a common mission foster a greater sense of unity among believers of the gospel? (Read Ephesians 4:1-7 as you consider the mission of the local church!)

The church is not an institution for perfect people. It is a sanctuary for sinners saved by grace, a nursery for God's sweet children to be nurtured and grow strong. It is the fold for Christ's sheep, the home for Christ's family. The church is the dearest place on earth.

Charles H. Spurgeon