

Special Speaker – Rev. Ainsley Harmon

Message Summary: Philip makes a statement to Jesus in John 14:8. He says, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” Jesus is incredulous if not a bit annoyed at this request. But, would *you* want to see God? The answer might depend upon how He was revealed. Help us to see You, Lord, even if You are not what we expected.

You’re Not What I Expected

1. I want to see you

- A. Philip’s request - John14:1-11
- B. Moses’ request - Exodus 33:18-23

2. I wasn’t expecting an Angel

- A. What an angel is. Angel = Messenger
- B. First appearance – Genesis 16:7-13
- C. Another appearance - Genesis 22:10-18, Genesis 32:22-32
 - 1. Hosea 12:3-4
 - 2. Genesis 48:1-4, 14-16
- D. Yet another - Exodus 3:1-6
- E. Lastly - Judges 6:11-24

3. This is more like it

- A. Jesus’ baptism - Luke 3:21-22
- B. Jesus’ transfiguration - Mark 9:2, 7
- C. Jesus’ triumphal entry - John 12:27-30

Life Group questions

BEGIN IT (5 min)- Opening praise song and prayer

OPEN IT (10 min)- Imagine seeing God, the Father. How would you describe what He looks like? Do you think you'd like to see Him? Why or why not?

EXPLORE IT (60 min)- Review Sunday's sermon outline and answer the following questions:

1. Describe the term "angel". How is it different from what you thought?
2. Which scripture passage impacted you the most? Why?
3. Does the thought of there being two Yahweh's comfort or unnerve you? Why?
4. In what ways are the Old and New Testament references similar?
5. How has the message impacted your understanding of our Lord? Is He what you expected?

APPLY IT (15 min)- In what ways do you need the Lord to reveal Himself to you? Pray for one another in groups of 2 or 3.