

When God Doesn't Make Sense:

Inattentive

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Bible References:

Mark 6:17-20

Matthew 11:2-6, 11

Principles from John's Story:

- Sometimes in life you can do everything _____ and still have it turn out all _____.
- We are all susceptible to letting our _____ or our _____ impact how we relate to or think about _____.
- I lose faith when God is inattentive to _____ happiness, _____ yours.
- Your personal _____ do not necessarily _____ with how God feels about you.

What can we do when God seems inattentive?

- Look _____ and _____.
- Look _____ and _____.
- Look to _____ and _____.

Reflection Questions:

- What kind of things had gone wrong for John and how might have John felt about it?
- Where are you struggling with your circumstances or seeing others struggle right now?
- "Sometimes in life, you can do everything right and still have it turn out all wrong." Do you find hope in that statement? Why or why not?
- "We are susceptible to letting our circumstances or our environment impact how we relate to or think about God."
 - o When things are going well do you tend to think, "God's so good to me"?
 - o When things are going poorly do you tend to question God's goodness?
 - o Do your own difficult circumstances impact you more than other people's difficult circumstances?
- "Your personal circumstances do not necessarily coincide with how God feels about you." Do you find hope in that statement? Why or why not?
- Do you believe that the cross speaks to you more directly about how God feels about than your circumstances do?
- Where have you seen God's power on display in your life in the past?
- Where could you get outside of yourself and help someone else?
- Who do you know who is doing well with faith right now that you could listen to?