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Reflect + Discuss

- Do you have any experience with construction projects? Have you ever built or remodeled something? Have you ever started a project and faced unexpected challenges?
- Read John 1:34. Read Matthew 3:16-17. Who does John understand Jesus to be? How would you describe their relationship?
- Read Matthew 11:1-5. What is happening in these verses? What is taking place that causes John to ask, "are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" In what ways did John experience unmet expectations? How did Jesus respond?
- Have you ever deconstructed or dismantled a part of your beliefs? In other words, have you ever thought one way about an area of faith but over time, came to a new way of understanding? What was that experience like for you?
- How does it make you feel to know that even John the Baptist experienced real doubts about Jesus? What are some areas in your own life that you experience doubt and how do you navigate that? Why is it important to go through the deconstruction and reconstruction process with others instead of doing it on our own?
- How can deconstruction when paired with reconstruction help us to be transformed spiritually? When you experience doubts or unmet expectations in faith, who can you turn to? How can we support one another on the journey?

Pray

- Pray that God will meet us in our doubts, our unmet expectations, and our questions about faith. Pray for people in our lives who are currently in the deconstruction and reconstruction process. Pray for God to move in us as individuals and as a group as we seek Jesus together.

Next Steps

- Check out the <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u> for the fall.