

#### **How To Deal With Disappointment**

#### Biblical Tools to Manage Disappointments

Lesson 4

Connection

When you disappoint you, what do you do with the disappointment?

Recap

#### **Disappointment with God**

- When we think that God allows an unsatisfactory or unacceptable situation, we will disappoint God.
- When we think that God does not keep his covenant and his promises, we will disappoint God.
- When we think that God does not save us in the present as he did in the past, we will disappoint God.
- When we think that God does not answer our prayers, we will disappoint God.
- When we think that God does not reveal the duration of our sufferings, we will disappoint God.

#### **Disappointment with People**

- When we think that we are rejected, we will disappoint the people.
- When we think that we are let down, we will disappoint the people.
- When we think that we are betrayed, we will disappoint the people.
- <sup>o</sup> When we think that our needs are unmet, we will disappoint the people.
- <sup>°</sup> When we think that we are judged, we will disappoint the people.

Exploration

#### 1. When we are disappointed, first recognize the disappointments.

o Psalm.32:5

• 1 Timothy 4:15-16

# 2. When we are disappointed, take them to the Lord in prayers

o Philippians.4:6-7

**o** 1 Peter.5:6-7

#### **3.** When we are disappointed, realign our perspectives on our expectations based on the word of God

o Psalm.73:26

o 2 Corinthians.4:17-18

# 4. When we are disappointed, learn from them and let them go

o Romans.8:28

o Hebrews.12:1

# 5. When we are disappointed, thank God for maturing us through them.

o 1 Corinthians.13:11

**o** Psalm.144:1

## 6. When we are disappointed, focus on ultimate purpose God in our lives.

o Philippians.4:8

Reflection

• What are the ways do you acknowledge your disappointments? How do you reflect your disappointments?

• How do you deal with your disappointments? What are the ways you feel comfortable managing your disappointments?

• How does prayer help you to deal with your disappointments?

- How do you align your priorities with the word of God when you face disappointments??
- What are the ways you let go of the disappointments and learn from them?

- What are the ways you thank God for maturing yourself through the disappointments?
- What are the ways you refocus on your purposes when you are disappointed?