

**Welcome** - Invite the group to share their highlight and their lowlight of the past week.

**Word** - This week we start a new teaching series called 'Great Expectations'

- What does the word 'expectation' mean to you?
- Where have you seen expectation at work and its impact on people?
- We are in a new season as a church, how important is expectation for us?
- What difference could expectation make to what God wants to do, in and through us?
- God has great expectations for us, what do you think some of those expectations are?

One of the reasons we struggle to live in His expectations for us, is that we struggle to let go of the past....

Read 1 Kings 19 v. 19-21

- Describe what actually happens in this story
- What is really going on here do you think?
- How can we see ourselves in this story?
- What aspects of our past do we need to be willing to let go of?
- Why is it hard at times to let go of the past?
- What have been your experiences of letting go of the past?
- How does God help us let go of the past?

Offer to pray for people who have identified things from the past they want to let go of so they can more fully embrace the life God has for them.....

Finish by praying for us as a church and for this new season that we will all have 'Great Expectations' of what God will do!!