

Discussion Guide
The Wait: wk3 While We Wait, We Worship
December 17, 2023



Big Idea

While we wait, we worship, by patiently and humbly placing our trust in the Lord.



Icebreaker

What is one thing that you *really* dislike waiting for or waiting to pass?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 40:1-2. How did it say that David waited for the Lord? What are some ways in which the Lord responded to David's waiting in this manner? Do you have a testimony to share that is similar to David's? Has that experience impacted the way in which you now face seasons of waiting, and how?
2. As you reflect on patience in the waiting, are you personally good at having it or do you too easily fall into the trap of other, non-productive emotions and actions? If so, what are the non-productive emotions and actions you tend to fall for and who suffers because of them (think beyond yourself)? What do people's non-productive emotions and actions in the midst of waiting result in instead of changing the outcome and/or expediting the end of the waiting? Is it worth it?
3. Read Psalm 40:3-5. What are some main points of this passage which could be applied to your life? One thing the sermon drew out from this passage was the importance of trust while we wait. What is a main reason you would give for trusting God & why? How does trusting God help in seasons of waiting?
4. Read Luke 1:39-56. As you think about Mary's situation (being pregnant outside of wedlock and all the relational and social complications that likely came with that), how does it appear that this interaction with Elizabeth impacted her and why do you think that was the case? What did it result in Mary doing? Can you describe a time where you were in a difficult spot either needing someone to believe in you, notice you, &/or help you only to see the Lord provide? What did that result in for you?
5. Read 1 Peter 5b-7. Why is humility before God important as we wait? How does our typical default of falling for & taking matters into our own hands during seasons of waiting discredit our level of humility before God?



Concluding Question

It is important to do something productive and of the Lord as we wait. Why is that important? What are some ideas, or examples of things like this, that one could do as they wait patiently, humbly, and in trust of the Lord? Here is our stated value of Worship to perhaps consider as you answer this: *We worship God every day in awe and wonder with our thoughts, speech and actions.*



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer Pray specifically for all our Campuses Christmas week/eve services (Blue Christmas, Travelers Service, various Christmas Eve services)...that God be glorified & people edified!