

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of March 13-19, 2022

“HOW TO WAIT ON GOD”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What situations do you find the most frustrating in life? How do you express frustration or despair?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-14.

1. Describe the contrasting “times” the author lists in this passage. How has God made them (v. 11)? How does God’s nature compare to the differing times and seasons (v. 14)?
2. What does it mean that God has “set eternity in the hearts of men” (v. 11)? What does this say about how he created us/our nature?
3. When you think of the word “wait” in connection to your relationship with God, what comes to mind? When have you had to wait as a part of God’s will in your life? When are you most tempted to doubt God’s promises in your life as you wait?
4. What do you think is your personal indicator that you’re not doing well in the waiting room (e.g. physical signs, emotional signs, spiritual signs, relational signs, etc.)? What do you think is the end result of waiting on God? How is waiting upon God related to us growing as a Christian?
5. “Waiting is always a test.” 1 Peter 1:6-7 tells us that we may have to endure trials and difficulties. How do trials prove the genuineness of our faith?
6. The sermon tells us to remember that there’s a natural delay between planting and harvesting. What are some practical ways you can do while in the season of waiting? What does it mean for a Christian to “wait actively”?

7. Do you feel like you are in a waiting season right now? What are you waiting for? How can the group pray for you as you wait?

8. NEXT STEPS

- I will trust that God is sovereign in my seasons of waiting.
- I will pray with an expectant heart knowing that God answers prayers with our best interest in mind.
- I will try my best to memorise scriptures while in the waiting room.
- I will hold on to God’s promises to help me focus on him and his unlimited abilities instead of mine.

Don’t forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that God strengthens and increases your faith in your season of waiting.
- Pray for those who are struggling in God’s waiting room.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

March 14	Psalms 27:1-14
March 15	Titus 1:1-4
March 16	Psalms 25:1-5
March 17	Psalms 85:1-13
March 18	James 4:13-17
March 19	Galatians 6:1-9
March 20	Hebrews 11:1-14