

GROW

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“Waiting”

Psalm 27:14

There are many questions that come out of this study topic. Small Group Leader, choose which of the questions you will use.

1. How often do you have to wait for anyone?
2. What are the good things that you wait for? What are the things that you wait for in dread?
3. Consider the plight of the refugees that are waiting for Australian residency!
4. Read Psalm 27, verse 14. How does waiting strengthen your faith? How does that waiting work out in your life? Consider David, the man who wrote this verse, how he waited for 20 years to become the King!

Have some discussion around the four aspects of waiting under the acrostic of “W.A.I.T”.

5. **WORSHIP** : Be careful whom you worship. Think about Daniel and his friends who refused to worship other gods. They had to wait on the king’s pleasure and then wait on God’s salvation from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3). They grew in their faith when they waited on God. What did the waiting time do to their faith?
6. David wrote “I waited patiently for the Lord” in Psalm 40 : 1. Read the couple of ensuing verses. What benefits was the Psalmist given by God because he waited.
7. **ACTIVELY** engaging spiritual powers. Read John 5 : 5 - 8 and think about the patience of this lame man.
8. Look at the moving scene in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus’ disciples slept, while Jesus himself was active in prayer while he waited on God.
9. **INTIMACY** : Read also as abiding, resting, slowing, sitting, listening. How can these attitudes, or postures, help to get our heart right as we wait on God.
10. **TIMING** : God is always on time even though we might not understand (or agree with) his timing. Do you agree with this statement?
11. Read Exodus 12 : 41. How are your powers of patience? The Israelites had to wait for 430 years for God to deliver them from slavery in Egypt.



12. Read Psalms 37 : 23. God orders the steps of a good man. How does this claim fit in with God's timing always being right?
13. Recall instances in your life when you had to wait for God to answer. Have you had a surprisingly quick answer to your prayer?
14. Read Ecclesiastes 3 : 1 - 8. Consider that it is God who ordains the timing of everything!
15. Finally, read Romans 8 : 23 and consider that even God's creation is becoming impatient for the Lord's return?