





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Spiritual formation is the development of a heart for God.

HEAD CHANGE: Apart from Christ we can do nothing. And if we do nothing it will be apart from Christ.

HEART CHANGE: God is not opposed to effort but to earning.

LIFE CHANGE: For people to be attracted to Christ because of who I am and what I have to say and the way I say it.

OVERVIEW

The Practice of Waiting Well

Does anybody enjoy 'waiting'? Red lights, long lines, commercials & ads during your favorite TV show or sports team, slow service at a restaurant. These are all a bit trivial in the grand scheme of life. But what about waiting on unanswered prayer, or a bad habit to finally be defeated, or a spouse, job, health? We don't have a theology for waiting well. We certainly have an unhealthy and unbiblical theology for wanting everything now.

Isaiah 30:18 (NIV) tells us; "So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those **who wait for his help.**" How do we learn to 'wait well'?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated?
2. Is there a particular type of soil that Jesus referenced in Matthew 13 that you can identify most frequently in your life?
3. When you consider the truth that most of what God does begins in 'seed form', how does that effect the way you wait on God?
4. Pastor Jordan said, "we don't have to understand God to trust Him." Is this easy or hard for you? Has it always been easy or hard for you? Can you think of time when you didn't understand what God was doing but you chose to trust Him?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we can't do any of this without You. We recognize that you are in control. Give us grace to hunger for your words more than those of anyone else. We accept your truth as the supreme authority in our lives. In Jesus name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!