

## Small Group News

Services will be **ONLINE ONLY** ([sunrisechurch.org](http://sunrisechurch.org))

### Ministry Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to make phone calls during the week.

If you can help, email [churtado@sunrisechurch.org](mailto:churtado@sunrisechurch.org)

Email [need@sunrisechurch.org](mailto:need@sunrisechurch.org) for anyone who needs assistance.

**Prayer:** Wisdom for Leaders; Dads & Grads Events;

## Small Group Questions

For week of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Waiting** (Part 1)

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## INTRODUCTION

If there is one thing we can all agree on during these uncertain times it's that we are all waiting on something. Some are waiting for a person, some for a job, some for justice; but all of us are waiting. So how do we wait well? What does God's Word tell us about waiting? This month we will look at how to wait well by discussing why we wait, how to wait, and what to do (and not do) while we are waiting.

The focus of the week: Meaning in the Waiting

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## MY STORY

1. What's the longest time you've ever waited for something? What was it? What happened?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend Pastor Joel shared that we all have to wait. However, how we wait is a choice. We also heard that waiting will either break us or build us. Let's dig deeper into the choices we see from the stories of Hannah, Saul, and David:

- **HANNAH – HOPELESS OR HOPEFUL IN THE WAITING**

**Read: Isaiah 40:27-31; Psalm 27:13-14; Romans 5:3-5**

- Have you ever been tempted to give up waiting on God? Explain.
- What reasons would you give to someone for remaining hopeful even if they aren't hearing from God? Do you have a personal experience when God came through for you?
- How has waiting for God to do something specific in your life exposed your weaknesses, such as doubts, anger or bitterness? How has waiting strengthened you?
- Do you believe God is active in your life? Explain.
- Have you ever viewed a time of waiting as an invitation to worship?

- **SAUL – CARELESS OR CAREFUL IN THE WAITING**

**Read: Psalm 137:34; Habakkuk 2:1-3; Psalm 25:5; Psalm 37:7-9**

- Have you ever made a careless decision because you became impatient with God? Explain.
- Why do you think so many take matters into their own hands instead of waiting for God?
- Are you in a challenging situation right now? What do you need to place in God's hands?
- How hard is it to trust God's timing?
- What personal experiences have helped you to trust God?
- What is the difference between believing IN God, and believing (trusting) God?
- What is your next step of obedience?

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- **DAVID – USELESS OR USEFUL IN THE WAITING**

**Read: Hebrews 11:1, 6, & 32-38; 12:1-3; James 5:7-8**

- What are some promises God makes for which people often have to wait?
- What useful things have you done while waiting for God to fulfill a promise from your list?
- Do you think of waiting as an active or passive activity? When have you witnessed “waiting on God” used as an excuse to be passive?
- Which of the following prayers stands out most to you right now, and why?
  - Lord, help me to quiet my soul and to trust in your goodness to me.
  - Lord, help me to serve you and serve others as I wait.
  - Lord, help me think deeply about who you are and what you are doing.
  - Lord, help me to believe that you are just and will bring justice.

## TAKE IT HOME

Do you keep a journal? If so, when is the last time you read through it to see when God kept you waiting and what results waiting created. If not, what would happen if you wrote down what you’re learning while you’re waiting in the gap? What impact might it have on you and others? Consider journaling as a way to see what God does in your life through waiting. God may surprise you if you do.

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY CHALLENGE

This **Father’s Day (June 21)** all our campuses will be celebrating dads with, **“Nacho Your Average Dad!”** - A drive through experience from 1-3pm. **We need volunteers** who are willing to help greet, cheer on, and serve dads (while practicing safe social distancing guidelines as families remain in their cars).

***Would you consider making this a serving experience for your group?***

We need at least the following amount of people at each campus site (but can always use more):

- Ontario Campus = 20 people (2-3 groups)
- Victorville Campuses = 20 people (2-3 groups)
- Banning Campus = 30 people (3-5 groups)
- Rialto Campus = 50 people (5-7 groups)

**If your group would like to serve please email [jhill@sunrisechurch.org](mailto:jhill@sunrisechurch.org) with the following:**

- Name, email, & phone for team leader (could be group host or anyone from the group)
- Number of people who want to serve
- The time you can serve (which hours between 12:30-3:30pm)
- The campus location where you want to serve

**\*\*All participating groups will be entered into a drawing for another catered BBQ!\*\***

## GROUP PRAYER

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