

## Small Group News

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Prayer: Wisdom for Leaders; Our church gathering plan

## Small Group Questions

For week of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Waiting** (Part 3)

Genesis 6-9

### INTRODUCTION

If there is one thing we can all agree on during these uncertain times it's that all of us are waiting...for something. Some are waiting for a relationship, 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: **Preparing 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 is your biggest fear when you have to wait for something?
2. Have you ever spent a long time preparing for something? What was it? Was it worth it?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend Pastors Anthony and John shared that to prepare in the waiting is active, not passive. Let's explore the steps given to prepare in the waiting:
  - **RESOLVE IN YOUR HEART**  
**Read: Daniel 1:3-9; Philippians 3:7-14**
    - What would it look like if you resolved in your heart to follow God no matter what?
    - What has become lost to you in comparison to knowing Christ? What have you given up?
    - What have you gained in deciding to follow Christ?
    - How would you answer someone who wanted to know why they should follow God in their life instead of just go with the flow of culture?
  - **RESPOND IMMEDIATELY**  
**Read: Acts 12:5-16; Jonah 1**
    - Why do you think people either don't believe God or run from Him when He calls?
    - What do you believe is your next step with God?
    - What has held you back in the past from responding immediately to God?
  - **REMAIN FAITHFUL**  
**Read: 2 Chronicles 16:7-9; Proverbs 28:20; Hebrews 13:20-21**
    - Have you ever knowingly relied on yourself instead of God? How did it go? What made you realize you needed to turn back to God?
    - Describe what you believe to be the blessings of faithfulness to God. How do these compare to the prospect of wealth?
    - Do you believe that God will give you all you need to remain faithful? What is one thing He has already given you?

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- **LIVE GOD’S STORY**

**Read: John 4:1-30 & 39-42; Galatians 2:19-20**

- How would you describe “Living God’s Story” to someone who asks?
- How does the woman at the well Live God’s story after her encounter with Jesus?
- What is one way you can live God’s story this week?

### TAKE IT HOME

For June, we are encouraging you to journal. For some that means to start one. For those who journal already, it may provide you some fresh ideas. Either way, journaling helps us worship by seeing what God is doing.

I am waiting of God to _____	
Resolve	
Respond	
Remain	
Story	

In your journal create a table of the thing(s) for which you are waiting on God like the one above. Under each circumstance you wrote write the words Resolve, Respond, Remain and Story.

Now next to each of those words write down next to “Resolve” what it is you are committing to; beside “Respond” write what God has asked you to do; now next to “Remain”, list what you need to continue doing (or stop doing). Finally, under “Story” write down what you see God doing in that situation and who may benefit from hearing what God did.

This will help you see that even in silence God is active. Be sure to thank God for His activity in your life.

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY CHALLENGE

Since Father’s Day has passed, spend some time brainstorming in your group something you can do as a serving project together before July 4<sup>th</sup>. Does someone in your group have a need that you can meet together? Does someone have a person in mind you can help bless; or an event/project you can support. Anything that helps your group come together and lock arms while serving God and others will do. You can even gather more items for the food pantry or volunteer to serve there as a group. Wherever God leads you, try it out. Be sure to talk about it after you complete your serving project.

### GROUP PRAYER

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