



Waiting in Daily Life - Dave Bartlett

In Advent we are reminded that we are called by God to wait for many things in this life. We wait for our goals to be achieved, we wait in relationships with family and friends, and we wait for pain and hurt to end. Three skills and gifts that help us wait but will not be needed in eternity are faith, hope and surrender. These 3 gifts can be practiced every day as we wait for the day when all things are made new.

Engage the Bible: Luke 1:26-38 and Romans 8:18-25 - Read and discuss as a group. Use the “Engage the Bible” resource to guide you through prayer, observation, interpretation, and application of the scripture. Do this as a group and talk through the small group questions below.

Icebreaker:

- What is one word or phrase you hear people use often that drives you nuts? Why?

Small Group Questions:

- How are you at waiting for stuff?
- What character flaws surface when you need to wait in your daily life?
- Which of these waiting skills would you most need to work on...faith, hope or surrender? Why?
- What do you wait for during the Christmas season?