

Waiting and wisdom - Doug Tensen

God's story in the Bible involves a lot of waiting. Waiting for God to answer his promises, waiting for a home, waiting to be freed from slavery or exile, spending centuries under the rule of other countries and not hearing anything from God for 400 years. Waiting is hard, and we're not good at it, but just because God is silent doesn't mean he isn't doing anything.

Engage the Bible: Luke 1:5-23 and Psalm 46:10 - 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 of your favorite Christmas traditions from growing up?

Small Group Questions:

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how good are you at waiting?
- What are you waiting for right now?
- In times of waiting, how do you typically respond?
- What shift could you make in your perspective or attitude to discover more wisdom in times of waiting?
- What is God teaching you right now?