



Waiting for the Promise

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Focus Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told His disciples to stay (Luke 24:49) and wait for the promise (Acts 1:4). Waiting is hard, but God designed waiting to be part of the process of life. We need to wait, pray, and let God build our faith as we hope in Him. His timing is always perfect.

Fun If you could be an expert on any subject, what would it be and why?

Review Key Scriptures: Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 5:42

1. Where did they wait?

Members of the early church met in the temple and in each other's homes. But the Church isn't just about a location, it's about relationship with God and each other. Jesus told them the whole Bible is summed up in two commandments: love God and love others. While waiting on God's promises, we should build our relationship with Him and with other believers.

2. How did they wait?

Supplication means to pray with intensity and urgency. There needs to be intentionality and urgency in all our prayers (James 5:16). Jesus and members of the New Testament church prayed passionately, fervently, and frequently. The Holy Spirit comes when we pray.

3. Why did they wait?

Sometimes it can be difficult to understand why we have to wait. We must trust that God is all knowing and all loving and has plan for our lives. God invites us to wait for our good, and He builds our faith in the process. When we wait, we are activating our hope. All of us are waiting for the promise of God in certain areas in our lives, and God's timing is always perfect.

Group Dynamics Idea Now that we are meeting in person again, consider inviting your group members to sit together during weekend services. One person can arrive early to reserve seats, and you can meet in the café before or after service to spend time with each other.

Discuss

1. Why is waiting hard?
2. Why has God designed much of life to include waiting?
3. How does waiting on God deepen our relationship with Him?
4. How does waiting mature us and our faith?
5. How are hope and faith connected?
6. Can you share a time you had to wait on a promise from God?
7. How has waiting on God affected your faith?
8. In what area of your life do you need a word of encouragement from the Holy Spirit? Take a moment to pray about this area.
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Wait on God in relationship.
- Wait on God in prayer.
- Wait on God with hope.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for perfectly planning every day of our lives. Thank You that we can trust in You and Your love for us. Give us grace to wait for Your promises. We believe You love us, and You have good plans for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Who are your people? We're all searching for connection because that is how God made us. Pastor Robert shared it is important to wait on God in relationship with others. Prayerfully ask God who He wants you to connect with on a deeper level, and intentionally connect with those people.