

Study Questions from 08.12.2019 sermon

Waiting

- i. “People in the 21st century don’t know how to wait. Nobody is content to wait anymore!” Do you agree with this statement? Why? Why not?
- ii. In Jeremiah 23:5-6 an amazing king is promised. As soon as this king is promised, God’s people are launched into a period of long hard waiting on God. Our waiting can often be like that. What sorts of things do we wait on God for? What are you waiting for from God right now?

Waiting reasons

- iii. God often makes us wait. In fact, he deliberately makes us wait. In the Bible, Abraham, Joseph, David, Moses, the woman with the flow of blood all waited for years. Waiting is common and normal for Christians. Discuss why this is the case.
- iv. How does the Bible tell us we should wait - back up your answer with Bible references if you can.
- v. The bible doesn’t promise that our times of waiting will always end by us getting what we are hoping for. Not all infertility ends with a baby. Not all disagreements end with reconciliation. Not all singleness ends in marriage. This means our hope can’t be in the thing we’re waiting for. Our hope has to be anchored in something far greater — God’s promises. Share with your group which of God’s promises have given you the most hope and help in your seasons of waiting.

Yearning

- vi. Look at Jeremiah 23:5—6. A king is promised who will reign wisely, do what is just and right and cause his people to live in safety. How does the placement of these verses in the whole of the chapter make the promised king stand out even more?
- vii. We yearn for a leader like the king described in Jeremiah 23:5-6. How do these verses help us as we approach the general election?