

Waiting Well

Psalm 130:5-6

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A Unique Season Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

The advent season, in the life of the people of God, is all about waiting. We are awaiting the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Let's be honest, most people despise waiting. There is a reason that one of the characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit is patience. Biblical patience isn't only about us waiting, but also how we behave as we wait. Since we are embracing this Unique Season, it is a powerful opportunity for us to learn how to wait well for the purposes of God to come to pass.

REALIZE

1. Waiting is hard

- **Scripture Reference:** Psalm 130:5-6, Romans 8:22-25
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What am I waiting for?

2. Learn to trust while you wait

- **Scripture Reference:** Psalm 130:5-6, Psalm 27:13-14, James 1:2-4
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How can I better wait on the Lord?

3. Let hope arise as you wait

- **Scripture Reference:** Psalm 130:5-6, Lamentations 3:25-26, Isaiah 40:31
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What does waiting in hope look like for me?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?