


WAIT ON THE LORD. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


ISAIAH 40

- 1 **When you think of the word wait in connection to your relationship with God, what comes to mind?**
When have you had to wait as a part of God's will in your life?


 *Do you like to wait? What makes waiting so easy or difficult for you?*

 *What was the end result of waiting on the Lord? What happened in you? How were you changed?*

- 2 **What does waiting on the Lord mean?** Read Psalm 62:5-7. Think about how waiting implies "longing for God." In Psalm 62, David is in distress. He has some industrial-strength problems, but he is saying, "O God, I need You. You are my hope, my salvation."

 *Do you believe that, or do you believe that you are your salvation? Do you long for God to do a great work in your life or do you long for a solution? Discuss what waiting on those different things (God or anywhere else) look like in your own life. Think about what you were "waiting for" in some of the larger problems you faced this last week.*

 *What are some signs that you are not waiting on the Lord (physical signs, emotional signs, spiritual signs, relational signs)?*

 *What does God promise to do for you if you wait upon Him? How is waiting on Him met by God's character? (Lamentations 3:24-26, Isaiah 25:9, 30:18, Psalm 130:5-8, 40:1-5, Gal. 6:9, James 5:7-8)*

3 **Consider how waiting implies “listening to God.”** Look at Proverbs 8:34. He is there at the gate when the Lord comes out, like a servant--reporting for duty. One reason that many of us are stressed is that we are frantically doing things God never assigned us to do. And the reason we are doing things God never assigned us to do is we haven't been listening to God. We have not been waiting upon the Lord.

⚙️ *What is your habit of listening to the Lord like? Consider the following questions: Do you have a regular time when you listen? Do you “report for duty”? Or, are you doing things that you've assigned yourself, or others have assigned you, but not doing what God wants you to do?*

♥️ *How can you grow in listening to the Lord this week?*

4 **Consider how waiting implies “looking to the Lord.”** Read Psalm 104:27-28. Who is looking to the Lord in this text? _____ (see previous verses) All these look to the Lord by instinct. They all wait upon God.

⚙️ *What are those referenced in Ps. 104:27 looking to the Lord for?*

🗨️ *What does it look like to wait on the Lord for those things in your life?*

♥️ *When are you most tempted to doubt God's provision and care?*

5 **Do you feel like you are in a waiting season right now?** What are you waiting for? How can we pray with you that you would wait well?