

Longing in Anticipation
Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:32-37

- We are all in desperate _____ of God to _____ us.
- Our need is a result of our _____.
- Like Israel we still long in anticipation for _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Think of a time that you were in need. Maybe you suffered a severe illness, an injury, a hard financial time, or some other debilitating circumstance. What was it like for you to be in need? What were the hardest aspects of that period of time in your life?
2. Most of our lives are marked more by ease and comfort than hardship and pain. How do you think ease and comfort dull our awareness of how desperate and needy we all are?
3. Read Mark 13:32-37. Mark 13 records Christ's words concerning his promised return. Discuss with your group what you know and believe about Jesus' second coming.
4. The return of Christ is the great hope of the Christian church. How should the promise of Christ coming again encourage and motivate us as the church when we suffer in this current world? As a follower of Christ do you find yourself longing in anticipation for Christ to come again?