

3. How is this promise to David fulfilled? (See Luke 2:4-7)

4. It was nearly 700 years since God first made this promise to David before Jesus was born, 700 years of rebellion, and reconciliation; of exile, and return. The people of Israel did not wait patiently, even falling in patterns of sin. Yet, God still fulfilled His promise. How do we, today, wait for the promises God gives us?

5. Verses 4-5 speak about a shepherd. What does a shepherd do for his sheep?

6. God desires to care for us in the same manner. How have you seen this in your life? How has He: protected you? provided for you? given you direction? corrected you?

Action Steps

Life in the Waiting

It can be difficult to live while waiting. Yet these times could be some of the most beneficial times in our lives. Below are four encouragements to remember when we are in a season of waiting. Spend some time together engaging with these.

1) *God is Still Faithful!*

Deuteronomy 7:8-9

Psalm 89:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

Hebrews 3:1-3

2) *He is Working on Us!*

2 Corinthians 12:5-10

Philippians 1:3-6

James 1:2-5

3) *Do What You Know to be Right!*

Micah 6:8

Matthew 25:34-40

Colossians 3:1-17

Philippians 1:27-30

James 1:22-25

4) *Connect With Others!*

Acts 2:42-27

Hebrews 10:23-25