

Tell The World
Week 2
December 17/18, 2016

Main Point: Waiting is hard. When we are waiting, even in the midst of adversity – God is at work, developing and making us strong.

1. Describe a time when you had to wait for something? How did you feel during that time? How long did you wait? **Read Luke 2.** What do you think “waiting” looked like for Mary and Joseph during those 9 months?
2. **Read Luke 2:25.** Simeon was “eagerly waiting for the Messiah”. Remember what Pastor Ken said? It is always easier to wait when something good is on the other side. How was this true for Simeon? Is this true in your life?
3. Scripture should shape my waiting. **Read Jeremiah 29:11** and **Romans 8:28.** How can these two verses, bring you encouragement in a season of waiting? Don't forget, God can use all things. Read **Romans 8:28**, one more time. Do you see waiting as an interruption or a divine invitation to experience God in ways not possible otherwise?
4. Read **James 1:2-4.** Pastor Ken spoke of “rejoicing in the core of this”. How is it possible to find joy in waiting or adversity? What is the purpose?
5. Waiting is easier when someone is with you. As followers of Christ, we are never alone. **Matthew 26:33.** Yes, Jesus is always with us. God's word, the Bible, also tells us we shouldn't do life alone. Read **Hebrews 10:25.** Share with your group how they are making a difference in your life.
6. How is waiting a good opportunity for worship?
7. Read **Psalms 106:1-14.** What strikes you the most in this story?
8. If we want to experience what God has for us, it requires waiting. We all struggle with waiting – remember – while we wait God is doing His greatest work and it is always for our good and His glory.

9. Read, underline, write down - **Isaiah 40:28-31**. God is good!

Further reading

Galatians 5:25

2 Peter 3:8