

Adult Group Study Guide for May 10, 2020
Series: “We’ll Get Through This Together”
Message: “Waiting”

Goal: To find ways to use our “waiting time” for the best purpose.

Key Verse: *The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.*
Lamentations 3:25 (ESV)

1. Recall a time when you had to wait and you experienced an emotional reaction. What would describe best the emotions that flow from impatience: Frustration? Anxiety? Anger? Fear? How has our technology made us more impatient? What makes waiting so challenging?

2. Review the story in Exodus 32 when the people of Israel grew tired of waiting for Moses to come down from Mount Sinai where he met with God for 40 days. Why was the creation of a golden calf a particularly bad response to the delay in the return of Moses? What does this say about our expectations and God’s timing? What problems are more likely to happen because you refuse to wait?

3. Read John 5:16-17 and Romans 8:28. In response to the miracles that Jesus did on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began harassing him. In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” How does it help you to know that God is always working for your good even when it seems to take a long time?

4. Review the story of Joseph from Genesis 39-40. Was it a waste of time for Joseph to be in prison? What was God doing? (See Genesis 39:21-23) What was particularly frustrating about Joseph’s long wait in prison (2+ years) in Chapter 40? What kind of inactivity are you facing during the COVID-19 crisis that is making your life difficult? How is God at work?

5. In Genesis 41 Joseph becomes the leader of Egypt. What experiences prepared him for this role? What are some things that we can only learn while we are waiting?

6. Read Acts 1:10-11. What did the question of the angel suggest that the disciples should be doing? How will you use your “waiting time” this week?