

THE WAITING GAME

Life Group Questions | Sunday, December 2, 2018

What is the longest line you've waited in?

Read Lamentations 3:7-12, 22-26. The author of Lamentations is writing poetry to give words to the sadness and despair of God's exiled people. What themes of waiting do you see? How do you react when you read this kind of honest lamenting before God?

Read Exodus 34:6-7. For the ancient Israelites, this passage was a key truth about God; the author of Lamentations is anchoring to this core truth. Describe what that process of anchoring to truth looks like for you. Do you have a story to share about a life storm? What truths about God did you anchor to?

Read Psalm 130:5-6. The Hebrew concept of waiting includes the concept of hope. How would you describe the connection between waiting and hoping? Think of your day to day life. What are some of the things and people you put your hope in?

Think of a time of significant waiting in your life. Do you view that time as wasted? Why or why not? What things have you learned during a season of waiting?

Discuss the following tips for waiting well:

1. Accept waiting as a gift.
2. Actively wait.
3. Who are you waiting for?

What are the challenges with waiting? How can you imagine using these tips as you navigate the sacred space of waiting?

Pray together. Begin with Psalm 46:10.