

Group Leader Guide-Oct 20 2024

Sermon Recap

Psalm 25:5; Psalm 106:13-14; Isaiah 55:8; Isaiah 64:4; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Romans 11:33;

Isaiah 30:18; Galatians 4:4; Ephesians 1:9-10; Romans 5:6; Titus 1:3; 1 Timothy 2:6;

Psalm 27:13-14; Philippians 4:8; Psalm 25:1-3; Isaiah 40:31

Pastor Alex shared insights on the theme of waiting on the Lord, drawing parallels between hunting and spiritual anticipation. He emphasized that waiting can be challenging in a culture that seeks immediate results, but it also offers moments of reflection, prayer, and growth. Throughout scripture, waiting is portrayed as a vital part of faith, where God perfects His timing and encourages patience in His followers. Ultimately, Pastor Alex urged the congregation to trust in God's timing, reminding them that their waiting is far from vain, as it prepares them for the fulfillment of His promises.

Quotes

"It's often in our waiting on God that he does some of His greatest work"- Pastor Alex

""On thee do I wait all the day. " Patience is the fair handmaid and daughter of faith; we cheerfully wait when we are certain that we shall not wait in vain. It is our duty and privilege to wait upon the Lord in service, in worship, in expectancy, in trust all the days of our life. Our faith will be tried faith, and if it be of the true kind, it will bear continued trial without yielding. We shall not grow weary of waiting upon God if we remember how long and how graciously he once waited for us."- C. H Spurgeon

Discussion Questions

What does it mean to have a 'shift of perspective' during our waiting times, as Pastor Alex suggested?

- Pastor Alex encouraged a shift from the mindset of 'How long, O Lord?' to 'How can I cooperate in what you're doing right now?' during our waiting.
- Can you identify an area in your life where you need to shift your perspective while waiting? What practical steps can you take to focus on what God is doing?

What are some common situations where you find it hard to wait? How do those situations make you feel?

- Pastor Alex talked about how waiting can be painful and difficult, especially in our fast-paced culture.
- Think about a recent experience where you were waiting for something important. How did you cope with that waiting period?

In Psalm 25, the psalmist says, 'For you I wait all the day long.' What do you think it means to wait on God, and why does the psalmist express such commitment?

- Pastor Alex shared how waiting on God is a deep part of the journey for disciples and highlights the importance of being patient with God's timing.
- How can you practice waiting on God in your own life? What steps can you take to develop a deeper trust in Him during waiting periods?

Why do you think our culture is so focused on eliminating waiting? What impact does this have on our relationship with God?

- Pastor Alex discussed how modern conveniences are designed to speed things up and eliminate waiting, which can affect our patience.
- How can you balance the conveniences of modern life with the spiritual discipline of waiting on God?

Pastor Alex mentioned that waiting often creates value and anticipation. Can you think of a time when waiting led to something good or worthwhile in your life?

- He emphasized that there is often growth, learning, and refreshment that can come from waiting.
- Reflect on your experiences: How can recognizing the positive aspects of waiting help you in tough situations where you need to be patient?

Prayer

- Ask God to help apply lessons about the value of waiting in our daily lives.
- Pray for patience and strength in times of waiting and uncertainty.
- Ask for wisdom to understand His timing and plans for our situations.
- Lift up any personal prayer requests shared in the group.