



EXPOSED

FINDING TRUTH IN TURMOIL

Getting to Know Me

1. Where have you waited in the past? Have you been either encouraged or discouraged when what you waited for arrived?
2. What is your normal response to turmoil? How did Pastor David's sermon change your perspective on dealing with turmoil?
3. In your experiences in waiting on God, how has He comforted you?
4. Where have you been self-reliant, and made a decision without waiting on God? How long did it take to realize your action/decision was NOT His plan or purpose for your life? How have you later seen God bring restoration to that situation?
5. We had an opportunity to wait right away this Sunday morning. How do you prepare your mind and heart for communion as you wait to receive it?

Into the Bible

1. *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14.* Pastor David said, "Waiting is a reminder that you are not in control." Does discouragement set in when waiting on God? How do Pastor David's words here or Psalm 27:14 speak to you in this matter?
2. We are in need of God's comfort because of the trials of life. Do you have specific verses you refer to, to gain strength and comfort? And how has God comforted you?
3. "How long, O Lord?" Is this your first question when you realize a wait is coming, as it was the psalmist? Would you prefer to be given an "estimated wait time" or rather not know?
4. In Isaiah 40:31, the word for hope is the same as wait. What does it mean to wait in hope? Isaiah says the Lord will renew your strength as you wait. How are you strengthened in waiting?
5. Is.40: 1 says we experience comfort (to sigh) when we invite God into your situation. Why don't we want to experience comfort sometimes?

Application

1. What area of your life do you want to turn over to God and rely completely on Him to bring you to the place where you see His plan for that area?
2. Pastor David said we should be aware of God's small miracles. Why do we miss recognizing the small miracles? Do you have any good techniques to help see the miracle when it takes place?
3. Why is it important to be in community as we experience periods of waiting on God?
4. Pastor David said that waiting is not passive, but also not self-reliant. How do we properly balance our waiting on God so that we are not passive, but also not self-reliant?
5. Does waiting on God ensure that you will get what you want?