

Missing Peace

Why Is God Making Me Wait?

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Matthew 1:20-23 NIV

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14 NIV

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:4-5 NIV

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. Isaiah 64:4 NIV

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Is waiting in line no big deal, a minor annoyance, or majorly irritating to you? Why?
- What was the best Christmas gift you received as a kid?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What is the most difficult part about waiting?
- Has there ever been a time when you wondered whether God was actually at work in a season of waiting, only to find out later that He was? What happened?
- It's important not to waste our waiting. What do you think that looks like, practically?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share something you've been waiting on, and spend time encouraging one another.
- What are some ways you can lean on God and trust what He's doing in the middle of your waiting?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for what You're doing. You have a plan for each of our lives and for the world as a whole. You don't waste a second of our time. Help us to trust the plan You have for us and to lean on You during times of waiting. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Spend time this week thanking God for the work He's doing in your life.](#)
- Start the *Missing Peace* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/missingpeace
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend (www.life.church/serving) or with a Local Mission Partner (www.life.church/localmissions).