

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

FIND MARK'S NEW BOOK, "WAITING ISN'T A WASTE" HERE.**CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)**

- Are you a good "waiter"? Do you get impatient at traffic lights, grocery check-out lines, or slow internet?
- Waiting can involve just a few moments, or be part of a longer season. Talk about some of the longer seasons of waiting you've gone through. What were you waiting for? How did you respond?
- When was the last time you did something you regret because you didn't want to wait?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Mark Vroegop taught us how to embrace waiting and not waste those precious "gap" moments.**

How to Embrace Waiting Instead of Wasting It:**1. Focus (Psalm 27:1)**

- Mark gave us this definition of waiting on God: **Living on what I know to be true about God when I don't know what's true about my life.** Talk about the "gap" in that definition.
- Why do you think humans are so prone to focus on "What if...?" instead of "What is...?"
- When you're waiting, shift your focus from what you don't know to what you do know. As a group, rehearse quickly several "God is..." promises. Write down the references of these promises so you can return to them during times of waiting.

2. Adore (Psalm 27:4-6)

- The Psalmist writes that he has "one thing" that he is seeking during his time of waiting. When you are struggling or hurting, what are some of the "one things" that you run to first?
- Frustration occurs when there is a gap between reality and our own expectations. Be honest - what are some expectations you have that haven't been met (in your relationships, career, finances, health, spiritual growth, etc.)? Can you adore God in spite of these unmet expectations?

3. Seek (Psalm 27:7, 9, 11, 12)

- Underline or highlight the requests that the Psalmist lists in these verses. What's your initial response to reading all of these intense requests?
- Who are some biblical characters that you know went through seasons of waiting? What were their responses while they were in, and when they came out of, their times of waiting?
- Mark said that people tend to respond to waiting in anger, anxiety, or apathy. Do you see yourself in any of those three responses specifically? How do these responses reveal your desire for control?

4. Trust (Psalm 27:13-14)

- Just because you don't see the plan doesn't mean that there isn't a plan. Can you think of a moment or a season in your life when you didn't understand God's plan? Are you in one of those seasons right now?
- What would it look like for you to open up your hands and give this season to God, trusting Him completely for the future?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, confess your impatience, and commit to embrace waiting together.