



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. When you have to wait, what are your usual responses and reactions (how you **really** feel when you have to wait)? How do you feel once you get what you are waiting for? Are you still waiting?
2. Read the Matthew verses. In them, Joseph did a few things:
 - He created space for God. What does this mean to you? How do you create space for God? Because Joseph waited, he could consider the message being sent to him.
 - He laid the groundwork by being faithful beforehand. Joseph was able to wade through the waiting period, because he chose to be faithful to God, in the midst of his situation. How can you apply this principle to your life?
 - He remained obedient. He could have changed his mind, left and not listened to the instruction, but he remained obedient. What are some results of Joseph's obedience? What do you think some results of your obedience can be?
3. If you get weary in the waiting, do not lose heart. God is still God, God still sits on the throne, He is still all powerful, and He does not fail). How does this encourage you?
4. Here are a few questions related to waiting (each person take a turn to answer each one):
 - Are you remaining obedient to him in the waiting, or are you giving up?
 - Are you truly willing to trust Him if He asks you to trust Him?
 - Have you been waiting so long that doubt is creeping in? Know that your doubt is not a sin and it does not mean you lack faith. God can prove His faithfulness in the midst of doubt.
5. Don't allow your emotions to drive and dictate your decisions but take them into consideration with the reality of what is happening around you. How can the group help you? Each person answer this question.

"How Do You Wait?"

Week of November 29, 2020

Main Idea

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Key Scripture Reference(s)

**Read aloud:
Matthew 1:18-25**

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.