



Connect Group Discussion Guide

2. The big question of this series: When you have to wait is it helpful or hurtful to you? Share your answer.
3. An immediate open door in life is the rare exception. Usually there is a development time of equipping, applying the shift from the world's logic and perspective to faith in God's design, and living it out of your life. Where are you in this process—equipping or living out God's design for your life?
4. In Acts 9, much development took place in Paul (his process took 12 years):
 - Self-awareness: Paul needed a little "EI" (Emotional Intelligence) to see how he impacted others. He was educated and had a large personality.
 - Knowledge redeemed: Paul may have been the one of the smartest guy in the room, but not the smartest in the church yet. He had to grow.
 - The church and Paul needed to be aligned: Church had things they needed to learn and accept before they were ready for Paul and Paul needed to learn to be a part of the bigger team (read Ephesians verse).

As you think about Paul's journey, what similarities can you find in your journey of development in God?
4. When Paul waited: his reputation shifted, he grew in the knowledge of the Lord, he testified his growth to others, and he became better as he practiced. What is happening in your during your waiting period?
5. What do you do while you wait? Answer these questions.
 - Do you rest (Is. 40:30-31)?
 - Does your faith increase or diminish?
 - Do you continue to minister where the Lord has placed you?
6. What two things are you taking away from this lesson?

"Development in the Waiting"

Week of December 13, 2020

Main Idea

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Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:

Acts 9

Ephesians 5:12

Philippians 3:12

Isaiah 40:30-31

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.