



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. What are some good things that can come from waiting? Share two of your experiences.
2. We see waiting throughout Scripture and Mary, the mother of Jesus, is an example. She waited, with great anticipation, on what God was going to do with Jesus. What are you waiting on with great anticipation?
3. Jesus was 30 years old before he performed His first miracle (the wedding at Cana). Imagine what Mary may have been experiencing during all of those years of waiting for the fulfillment. What do you think she experienced during this waiting time? Why?
4. We can feel Mary's anxiety during this waiting:
 - She knows who Jesus is—though she doesn't know how it will all work out.
 - She is anxious for him to get going.Can you relate to this? How?
5. What do you do when you are in a position like this—waiting for someone to become everything that you know God made them to be? Describe how you handle this.
6. Here are some strategies to help others in this waiting period:
 - Pray for those waiting (and yourself) - Why pray?
 - Do not lay claim to the person—What do you think this means?
 - Be an encouragement (put courage in) to someone —How can you do this?
 - Encourage people to hear God's voice (speak to them from God's point of view rather than your own) – Is this hard or easy to do?
 - Encourage people to accept their God-given role— In what ways?
 - Celebrate every step they take - How can you do this?

"Encouraging Others in the Waiting"

Week of December 20, 2020

Main Idea

Waiting can do wonderful things for us, and we can help others in the waiting period. God is at work in us...in the waiting.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

**Read aloud:
John 2:1-11**

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.