

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



WAIT FOR IT // SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

Deidre Franklin brought us a timely message this Sunday about waiting. She said, waiting is what happens when God's timing is not our timing. "Waiting is never the answer we want from God, we are the instant-potato, minute-rice, same-day delivery, high-speed-internet, drive-thru, text-instead-of-talk, people. Phrases like, "hold please," "that will be ready in a few days," or "closed on Sunday" can send us to therapy or into rants on social media. But as Deidre explained, God looks at waiting differently. Waiting can be an opportunity. It can give you time to change your mind about a bad decision, to relax and have family time, to connect with God and to understand the bigger picture. Waiting isn't bad, waiting is living with hopeful expectation.

Isaiah 40:31 —

*But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION

1. What are some emotions you've experienced in this time of "waiting," during the pandemic?
2. How have you been passing time while you wait for the world to open back up?

Deidre gave us the biblical meaning of the word WAIT: Hebrew QAVAH means "to bind together, to gather; to collect."

- to huddle close; to cuddle up, to lean in attentively
- to wait, look for, to lie in wait for
- imagine waiting behind a door to jump out and surprise someone
- it's about expectation—just knowing God is about to show up, and not wanting to miss my cue!

3. Using the above definition, what would it look like for you to "wait on the Lord" as described in Isaiah 40:31 today?
4. What hope comes from knowing God is just about to show up? How will you use this time of waiting?
5. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Pray that God will change your expectations and point of view during this time of waiting. Inventory your emotions, including anxiety, depression, impatience, anger, irritability, etc – and ask God to replace each of those with a healthy emotion connected to the hope we have in him. Ask him to reveal the purpose for waiting.