While Waiting

Open with Prayer Requests

Discussion Questions:

-When you hear the word "wait", what feelings or images come to mind? Do you usually find waiting easy or difficult?

READ Acts 1:1-5

-In Acts 1:4, the disciples were told to wait for the Holy Spirit. Why do you think Jesus commanded them to wait rather than rushing them into ministry?

READ Acts 1:6-8

- After being told to wait, the disciples asked Jesus about restoring the kingdom. What does this question reveal about their hearts and expectations?

READ Acts 1:9-26

- -Initially, the disciples spent their waiting period in prayer. What role does prayer play in your life during seasons of waiting?
- Peter, perhaps out of impatience, tried to do what he thought was right by appointing a new apostle. Can you think of a time when you, or someone you know, tried to "force God's hand"? What happened as a result?
- What are you currently waiting on in your life—an answer, direction, provision, healing, or something else?

READ Isaiah 40:30-31 (NASB Recommended) and Psalm 27:13-14

- -What lessons might God want us to learn, or in what ways might He equip us, during seasons of waiting?
- -What are some practical ways that you can be "productive" while waiting on God? How can this group support and encourage you?

Closing Prayer

Pray for one another's seasons of waiting—that each person would find strength, faith, and renewed hope in God's timing.