

WORSHIP

Waiting for Christmas

The Changing Response: Luke 1:57-80
Pastor Steve Bailey | December 22, 2019

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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An Observation of How God Works:

"In those moments as God moves, we respond, and our response tells us..."

_____, and
_____.

Four Responses from Zechariah's Heart:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Luke 10:38-42 Martha and Mary's Story:

Do we choose productivity or

_____?

NEXT WEEK: Luke 3

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1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

What if your intimacy with God (depending, listening, responding) was your top priority, what might that look like?

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: Do you take time in your life for quiet/silence? Why or why not?

HEAD: These questions help us examine the Word.

1. Read Luke 1:57-66 Who are the characters in this story? What are their responses and emotions? Take special note of Zechariah's response, and the following response of the people. What do you notice?

HEART: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

2. This is our fourth sermon this month on waiting. What are you learning about the importance of a Biblical view of waiting and what God is doing in your heart during those times?

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

3. Read Luke 1:67-80. Notice four responses from Zechariah. Discuss each of these four. Which of the four is most needed in your walk with Jesus currently?

- A praise-filled response. Verse 64
- A Holy Spirit based response. Verse 67
- A mission-centered response. Verses 67-80
- A surrendered response. Verses 73-75