



The Art of Waiting – Pastor Mark Pope

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1. Pastor Mark shared that stopping at red lights, waiting in line, and being on hold is part of everyone's life. What are your thoughts on waiting, and what do you do to fill the time?
2. How can a season of waiting prepare you and strengthen you for the future? How did it prepare the disciples and those with them who were waiting for the promise to come?
3. Share of a time in your life when you had a significant "waiting" season. Describe how you handled the wait and what you learned during that season. Did you feel closer or farther from God during that season? Explain.
4. Read Acts 1:12-13. Pastor Mark shared that we shouldn't wait alone. Time spent waiting is a God-given opportunity to connect. What can we learn from what the disciples did while they waited? How does being in a community of fellow believers help us through times of waiting?
5. The friendships formed while waiting in the upper room prepared the disciples for their future. Who should you be connecting with during your wait time? How can you use your wait time to make an impact for God?
6. Read James 5:17. Paul makes a very audacious statement about prayer. What might God do if our downtime was used as prayer time? Think about what matters most to you. What would your 'pray without ceasing' look like, and what would you pray about?
7. The average person spends 10 years of their life "waiting." Reflect on how you can master the art of waiting well. How will your habits change to ensure time spent waiting is not time wasted? What is your next step?