



The Wait Room

Opening Question: Looking back to last week's discussion... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

Scriptures:

Habakkuk 2:1-13

I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

The LORD's Answer

² Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴ "See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness^[a]—

⁵ indeed, wine betrays him;
he is arrogant and never at rest.

Because he is as greedy as the grave
and like death is never satisfied,
he gathers to himself all the nations
and takes captive all the peoples.

- ⁶ "Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying,
"Woe to him who piles up stolen goods
and makes himself wealthy by extortion!
How long must this go on?"
- ⁷ Will not your creditors suddenly arise?
Will they not wake up and make you tremble?
Then you will become their prey.
- ⁸ Because you have plundered many nations,
the peoples who are left will plunder you.
For you have shed human blood;
you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.
- ⁹ "Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain,
setting his nest on high
to escape the clutches of ruin!
- ¹⁰ You have plotted the ruin of many peoples,
shaming your own house and forfeiting your life.
- ¹¹ The stones of the wall will cry out,
and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.
- ¹² "Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed
and establishes a town by injustice!
- ¹³ Has not the LORD Almighty determined
that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire,
that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?

Psalm 13

- How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- ³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
- ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- As we read through the same passage again this week, are there different things that stand out for you?
- What do we learn about God and what do we learn about people as we reflect on this passage?

Sermon Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- What does the phrase "wait on the Lord" mean to you?
- What helps you "wait on the Lord"?
- Has there ever been a time when you waited for something and did not get it, but God gave you something better?

Closing Question and Application: Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

Closing group prayer: Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.