

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DAVID: A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

WEEK 3

SERMON RECAP

Ever feel stuck in life's waiting room? For nearly 15 years David knows the call that God has put on his life, but also knows it's not time to fulfill it yet. In the sermon, Jacob Bales reveals how seasons of waiting can be our most profound moments of spiritual formation. Drawing from David's journey, Jacob shows us how faithful service, unwavering obedience, and choosing to see God's goodness transforms waiting from mere delay into divine preparation. Furthermore, what we can learn from David's story is that how we wait matters. Whether we are content, successful, in pain, in silence, or stuck, the most obedient and faithful thing you can do is wait upon the Lord.

GET STARTED

- What's the longest line you've ever waited in (e.g., food, concert tickets, amusement park ride) and was it worth it?

TAKE IT IN

- What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?

TALK IT OVER

Read **1 Samuel 18:10-16; 1 Samuel 24:1-7**

- Jacob discusses how David waited 15 years between being anointed as king and actually becoming king. **What do you think made this waiting period spiritually formative for David? What do these passages reveal about David's character during his time of waiting?**
- During the time between David's anointing and appointment at 30, he remained faithful in serving, even playing the harp for Saul who wanted to kill him. **What current situation in your life requires patient waiting, and how might God be using this time to shape your character?**
- 1 Samuel 24:1-7 reveals a moment where David had an opportunity to take matters into his own hands with Saul, but chose to wait on God's timing instead. **When have you been tempted to force an outcome rather than waiting for God's timing, and what did you learn from that experience?**
- The sermon mentions different types of waiting. Seasons of waiting can include a new job offer or retirement, a house to sell or a new baby to arrive. **Which seasons of waiting do you find most challenging and why? How does your approach to waiting change depending on the circumstances?**

Read Psalm 27

- In Psalm 27, David writes about waiting in the wilderness while on the run from Saul. **What resonates with you from this Psalm? How does this Psalm reflect David's faith during difficult times of waiting? What practices help you maintain faith and trust in God during seasons of waiting?**
- The sermon emphasizes that “waiting well is being faithful to whatever is next” and sometimes the most obedient thing we can do is wait upon the Lord. **Why might waiting be considered an act of obedience? What does this look like in practical terms for someone following Jesus today?**
- The sermon emphasized that the beauty of David's waiting wasn't in the result, but in his attitude and heart during the waiting period. **How do you see this reflected in Psalm 27? How might your approach to waiting change if you focused more on who God is rather than what you're waiting for?**

LIVE IT OUT

How we wait matters! Waiting can be an act of faithfulness and obedience. Take some time to mediate, reflect, and/or journal about what specific situation(s) in your life right now that require obedient waiting rather than immediate action. Pray and ask God to give you the strength to wait well, just like David did.

Memorize:

“Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.”

Psalm 27:14 (NLT)