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Three Chapters/Two Years/Nothing To Show For It Acts 23:23-26:32

THE BIG IDEA:

With God, A _____ Season
Is Never A _____ Season

"After two years went by in this way, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And because Felix wanted to gain favor with the Jewish people, he left Paul in prison."
Acts 24:27

Three Things To Remember When Waiting On God

1. God's _____ Are Not
Necessarily God's _____

2. If God Always Met Your _____
He'd Never Have An Opportunity To
_____ Them

Groundhog Day: Lessons From God's Waiting Room

3. While You're _____, God Is _____.
Sometimes You'll _____.
Other Times You _____.

Memory Verse

"I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous.
Yes, wait patiently for the Lord."
Psalm 27:13-14

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- ☐ Invite Jesus to be my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- ☐ Memorize Psalm 27:13-14
- ☐ Ask God to help me to trust His timing
- ☐ Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life Group





Discussion Questions - Week #9

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, “Groundhog Day: Lessons From God's Waiting Room,” summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

► What is the longest thing you've waited in line for, intentionally or unintentionally? How long did you wait?

► How do you think our culture and technology contribute to our ability or inability to wait for God?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Our memory verse for this week is Psalm 27:13-14. Take a moment to read the Psalm in its entirety. What do you think is the main attitude exemplified in this Psalm?

David encourages us to be confident and strong. Yet, often, the longer we wait for God, the less sure we feel. What can we do to maintain our confidence that God will act, even when his intervention is long delayed?

What were the things David experienced that may have caused him to lose confidence that God would intervene?

Twice in verse 14, David encourages us to wait for the Lord. What does it mean to you to wait for the Lord?

Is there any area you need to wait on the LORD right now for which the group can pray for you?

2. In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared that while we're waiting, God is working. One individual who definitely didn't grasp this point was the first King of Israel, Saul. Read 1 Samuel 10:8 and 13:5-14. What stands out to you in this passage?

Why didn't Saul wait for Samuel?

What would you have done if you were in Saul's shoes?

Why is it so tempting to take control from God and do things our way rather than to trust in and wait on Him?

What truths does this story teach us about the importance of waiting on God?

While our consequences are not as dire, many, if not most of us, have failed to wait on God at some point. What ought we do when we recognize we have gone ahead of God?

For Practice

As this is the last Life Group meeting for the Winter quarter, take some time this week to think through what Spiritual practices have been particularly formative over the previous few months and which you would like to carry forward or initiate in the new year. This is also a great time to embrace the spiritual practice of celebration as you thank God for demonstrating himself faithful over the last several months or more.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for boldness for those in our church family extending invites to our Easter worship services. Pray also for receptive hearts in those who receive these invitations, that they would join us and respond positively to the message of the gospel.