

SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"THE WAITING" OCTOBER 16 & 17

SERIES OVERVIEW:

More than any other historical figure Jesus has been studied and written about and yet so many still wonder, who is Jesus, really? Cutting through the noise is the fast paced action packed Gospel of Mark. Mark presents the life of Jesus in two symmetrical acts: His IDENTITY as the King over all things and His PURPOSE in dying on the cross. As we explore the life of Jesus we will find Him to be unpredictable but reliable, meek but powerful, authoritative but humble, human but divine. As we encounter Jesus we must all consider the significance of the life of Jesus the King in our own lives.

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

1

OPENING PRAYER AND MEDITATION:

About 1 minute

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer.

2

BIG IDEA:

About 1 minute to read

Through our doubts and fears Jesus shows us what it looks like for Him to take our hands and say two simple words, "Talitha Koum," little one, get up. In the waiting Jesus reminds us to be patient as He does more than we could ever imagine.

3

INTRO QUESTIONS:

About 12 minutes

We tend to think of waiting as wasted time. Share a time when the waiting turned out to be good.



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But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus,
"Don't be afraid. Just have faith."
- Mark 5:36 NLT

Reflect

Read the full passage in your Bible - Mark 5:21-43.

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might God be calling you to repent of or realign in your life?

What would acting upon this or obeying God look like? Be curious...and then do it.



DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

Can you say more about that?

How have you seen that play out in your life?

What does that stir up in you?

Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?

What might God be inviting you to do?

4

SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

About 40-45 minutes

What do you think it was like for the woman as she waited for healing? (v26-28)

When it feels like God is delaying in our lives, it is because we don't have all the information. What is comforting about Jesus saying to you, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." What is challenging about it?





As you consider something you are waiting on God for, how might patience and trust be interrelated?

5 LIVE IT OUT:

About 1 minute

Read this section aloud. Take a moment now to reflect on it.

TAKE IT DEEPER

Live It Out

Is there an area in your life where you are waiting for God to respond or move or answer...to do something? Create some time and space to sit quietly with God sometime this week, pouring out your heart and receiving his comfort and peace.

Pray

Tell God what you're afraid of. Be still and listen for his response.

Ask God to refresh and enlarge your faith to simply believe that he can do more than you ask or imagine.

Thank God for his amazing record of faithfulness in your life in the past.

6

CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 10 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud, and take a moment of silence for each person to reflect on the prayer prompt personally.

On an index card write your name at the top. On the left side write "Thankful" and one word or phrase that reflects something you are thankful for or that reflects God's faithfulness in your life. On the right side of the card write "Trusting" and a word or phrase that reflects something you are trusting God to provide for you now or in the future. Pass your card to the person on your right. Pray in a circle prayer reading aloud the card you hold. The leader or apprentice can close reading Ephesians 3:20-21.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen." (NLT)