



WEEKEND RESOURCES | DECEMBER 8, 2024

Week 2 | Waiting for Comfort in Uncertainty

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: We often wait for comfort, healing, or stability in uncertain times, hoping that things will go back to how they were. Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free, not in some distant future, but right now. Instead of waiting for external stability, we are invited to find comfort in Jesus' presence and healing, even while we are still in the chaos.

» Main Points

- [Waiting on the World to Change](#) - John Mayer
- Jesus' healing and freedom are available now.
- Jesus answers what we NEED but not always what we WANT.
- Jesus pointed to the Ideal while recognizing and showing compassion for the Real.

» Getting Started

- What is an injustice or something in your life that you are waiting on the world (or your circumstances) to change?
- What is your "When I _____, then I'll _____" statement that you have believed?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Luke 4:14-29; Isaiah 61:1-9; 58:6](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

reachout

- This week, take some time to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members to Christmas Services with you. Jesus is the only way to bring freedom, comfort, and newness into our lives. Help the people in your life see who Jesus is and that following him makes life better.

growdeep

- Compare Luke 4:16-21 with Isaiah 61:1-2; 58:6. How have you seen these words lived out in Jesus and followers of Jesus throughout history?
- Tom talked about the trees in a forest and the deep roots necessary for the health of the trees. How deep are your spiritual roots? If the bigger trees were cut down, are your roots deep enough to hold you up? Reference Isaiah 61:3.
- Consider what you are waiting for. How are you allowing yourself to stay stuck in the waiting instead of taking action and moving forward?

partner with families

- Have a Balance Contest with your family. Everyone starts at the same time and balances on 1 foot until only one person is left standing! Think of a time as a family when life felt shaky and unbalanced. Recap this week's message with your kids and discuss how Jesus came to help us here and now, even when life isn't always stable or perfect.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- A few times this week, read slowly through Isaiah 61:1-9. Pause after each verse and process the words' meaning and how they impact you.
- Close by praying this prayer: Jesus - Please help me to stop waiting for "when I" so that I can actively engage "with you" right now.