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Your *group* matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Would you rather receive a nice-but-regifted present or a badly-made yet heartfelt homemade present?

1. Share what waiting for Christmas was like for you when you were a child. Is it easier for you to wait during times of uncertainty now as an adult?
2. Pastor Nate pointed out that Simeon demonstrated that waiting on God is made easier when we are pursuing God while we wait (**Luke 2:25**). How can you engage in pursuing God while you wait?
3. Pastor Nate said that Simeon had an “expectant trust” in God while he waited (**Luke 2:27**). What does an “expectant trust” look like for you and how does it impact your ability to wait?
4. Read **Luke 2:25-32**. In your opinion, what role do you think the Holy Spirit played in Simeon’s patient endurance in waiting and how are you developing a similar relationship with Him?
5. God carried out His promises to Simeon in His own way, on His own timetable. How WE wait for God, Pastor Nate said, will “determine how we see and experience [God’s] work in [our] lives.” What will you do to remain faithfully expectant the next time God is not meeting your timetable, so you don’t miss His best gifts for you?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*Day One:* Matthew 13; Psalm 102

*Day Two:* Leviticus 12; Proverbs 9

*Day Three:* 1 Corinthians 8; 2 Samuel 22

*Day Four:* 1 John 2; Jeremiah 36

*Day Five:* Job 40; Acts 18

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**Current Series**

**Message Notes**

**Christmas**  
*at Riverside*

*What Are You Waiting For?*

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## MESSAGE NOTES

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2. While he waited, Simeon modeled \_\_\_\_\_ trust. (Luke 2:27a)
3. While he waited, Simeon relied on the \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 25b-27a)

Because Simeon waited for God to fulfill \_\_\_\_\_ promise in \_\_\_\_\_ way and in \_\_\_\_\_ time, Simeon saw God's salvation. (Luke 2:29-32)

How you wait will determine how you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's work in your life.

## *This Christmas at Riverside:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ will are you hoping to see accomplished?
- How is God at work \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- How is your \_\_\_\_\_?

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2. While he waited, Simeon modeled expectant trust. (Luke 2:27a)
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- Whose will are you hoping to see accomplished?
- How is God at work right now?
- How is your joy?

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