

Discussion Questions

Feel free to choose what questions will be most helpful to your group to grow in their understanding of the Scripture, learn how to better read the Bible for themselves, and faithfully apply it to their lives.

Read 2 Peter 3:8-13

1. What would you do if you knew it was your last day on earth?
2. Verses 8-9 teach us that while Jesus has yet to come back as he promised, God is not slow to fulfill his promises—He is just patient.
 - a. In what specific circumstances have you experienced the patience of God in your own life?
 - b. In what ways is God currently teaching you to be patient with others?
3. We are all tempted to chase after things that are either not intended for us or things that won't last.
 - a. Where do you see this in your own life? What do you need to pursue less? What do you need to pursue more?
 - b. In other words, how does thinking about the reality of Jesus' return challenge your current priorities?
4. The Bible talks a lot about waiting for the Lord, and its in our passage. What does it mean to wait for the Lord? What does this practically look like?

There is a significant difference between active and passive waiting. Active waiting involves doing what we can, fulfilling our responsibilities, while we wait on our partner (in this case, God) to do their part. Passive is simply no doing anything until our partner does what we are looking for. The Bible calls us to active waiting.

And so, while we wait and pray, we fulfill our responsibilities (pray, seek, obey, trust, make wise choices) and wait for God to do what only He can do (present opportunities, change hearts and situations, etc.).

- a. Some of us tend to wait too passively, and just sit around wanting God to solve our problems for us. Others are too active, and try to use their own skill,

wisdom, and ability to do things that only God can do. Which do you tend toward?

b. How is God teaching you to be more faithful in your active waiting?