

The Colors of Christmas
Green (Growth)
December 7

Intro Questions:

1. What is the most difficult waiting period you've ever been through? Do you feel like you waited well? Why/Why not?
2. Is there anything in your life that was worth the wait? Is there anything you wish you had waited longer for?
3. Can you think of anything positive about waiting? Can you think of anything negative?

Read: Galatians 4:4-6

Reflect:

1. What words/phrases stand out to you in this verse? Why?
2. In the sermon, Jon gave 4 facts about the time in history when Jesus came to earth. (see below). Do you feel God chose the best time to send His Son, or is there another time in history you think could have been better?
 - A. The Roman armies were strong enough to keep peace
 - B. The Romans had built roads that made travel more accessible
 - C. Nearly everyone spoke a common language
 - D. People were dissatisfied with Roman gods

Read: Genesis 15:1-6 and Genesis 16:1-6.

Reflect:

3. What promise does God give Abraham in Genesis 15:4-5? How does Abraham respond in v.6? What changed between Genesis 15 and 16? Can you relate at all?
4. What was the result of Abraham and Sarah's action with Hagar? Do you think it helped or hindered the waiting period? What effect did it have on their family?
5. Has there ever been a time in your life where you couldn't wait for God and took matters into your own hands? If so, what was the result?
6. What are some of the reasons God calls us to wait? Do you think our waiting is more for what happens in us—or around us—or both? Why?
7. How does waiting affect our trust in God? Do you think it has a positive or negative effect on our faith?

Read: Isaiah 64:4

Reflect:

8. What words/phrases stand out to you in this verse? Have you ever experienced the truth of this verse? If so, when?
9. Do you think the things that happen to us are sweeter when we've had to wait for them? If so, why?

Respond:

10. What is one thing you are waiting for right now in your life? Is there anything you can do to embrace this waiting period, and use it as an opportunity to grow in your relationship with God? Share with your group how they can pray for you during this Advent Season