
APRIL 28/29, 2018
ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND
Waiting Upon the Lord!
Isaiah 40:27-31 (p. 618)
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EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: **John3:16**

THE MAIN POINT → God's people can look _____ toward the
_____. (See Jeremiah 29:11)

WHY?

1. God _____ our _____. (40:27; Heb. 4:13)
2. God _____ our challenges. (40:28)
3. God has _____ with our troubles. (40:28-30; Heb. 13:8)
4. God's _____ for our problems. (40:31)

_____ (See Romans 4:20-21)
5. His _____ for our weariness. (40:31)

OUR CHALLENGE → Keep on _____.
(See 1 Cor. 3:6)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR
SERMON-BASED SMALL GROUPS

*Personal preparation for your group time: Read the passage, review your outline,
and think through the questions.*

CONNECTING

1. Are you a good "waiter"? Why? Has waiting gotten easier as you've gotten older? Why? What are two or three qualities that good "waiters" possess?

GROWING

2. As you look at verses 27-30 and review your outline, what are two or three or four things from the passage and the message that encourage you at this particular time in your life? Why?
3. According to verse 31, our response is to "wait for the LORD."
 - What are some things for which you are currently waiting on God? (Maybe you've shared these with the group before, maybe you haven't.)
 - Do you have a verse or two that you are "twisting yourself around" as you wait? What is it/are they?
 - Have you just come out of a time of waiting on God? What verses did you "twist yourself around" during that period?

SHARING

4. Which of the "Investing for Increasing" areas has you the most excited? Why?

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

THE MAIN POINT: God's people can look **confidently** toward the **future**. (See Jeremiah 29:11)

"For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'" Jeremiah 29:11

"Look at others, you'll be distressed; look to yourself and you'll be depressed; look to God and you'll be blessed." (unknown)

WHY?

1. God **sees** our **situation**. (40:27; Heb. 4:13)

"There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." Hebrews 4:13

2. God **understands** our challenges. (40:28)

3. God has **power to deal** with our troubles. (40:28-30; Heb. 13:8)

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

4. God's **directive** for our problems. (40:31)

WAIT (See Romans 4:20-21)

"... with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform." Romans 4:20-21

5. His **promise** for our weariness. (40:31)

OUR CHALLENGE: Keep on **investing for increasing**. (See 1 Cor. 3:6)

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:6