

## Missing Peace

Why Do I Have To Wait?

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Notes

## Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

How do you feel about waiting, in general? Is it a minor annoyance or really irritating to you? Why?

### **1. Read Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:20-23.**

Have you ever wondered why God doesn't make good on His promises faster? Why waiting seems to always be part of His plan? Imagine growing up looking forward to a promise being fulfilled, but never seeing it happen. How do you think you would respond?

How do you react when God doesn't seem to come through as you expect Him to, when you expect Him to?

### **2. Read Galatians 4:4-5.**

What happened in history during the 400 silent, intertestamental years between the Old and New Testaments?

In what ways were those historical developments necessary in order for the 'set time' to come?

### **3. Read Isaiah 64:4.**

What is the most difficult thing about waiting?

What does our response to waiting indicate about our trust in God?

What do you think it means to not waste your waiting? What might it look like to wait well?

### **4. Read 2 Peter 3:9.**

What is something that you are waiting on in this season of your life? How long have you been waiting?

What are some ways that you can lean more fully on God and trust what He's doing behind the scenes, while you are waiting?

Where DO you see God at work, moving in your life? What has He already done that you are grateful for?