

Making Room in Advent | Week 1 - Wait With Hope

Message Big Idea

We make room for God's promises by waiting with hope.

Scripture

Luke 1:5-25, Luke 1:57-66, Isaiah 40:31

Opening Questions

1. How have you been able to B.L.E.S.S. others recently?
2. When have you waited a long time for a delivery or project to be finished? What was it like to wait for it?
3. We are in the season of Advent, which means "coming." It is a four-week period of preparation for Christmas – a transition between what is and what will be. Unlike the busyness that tends to categorize our time of preparation, originally, Advent was intended as a time for Christians to fast and withdraw from public activities so that they could feel a sense of longing for the Messiah's coming. So this season, we're making room for God to work in our lives. What would it look like for you to make room for God in the next four weeks leading to Christmas?

Bible Discussion

4. Read Luke 1:5-25 and 1:57-66. What do you notice about Zachariah and Elizabeth as they long for a child?
5. Read Isaiah 40:31. This passage was a message to the Israelites during the Babylonian exile, longing for Israel to be redeemed. What does this passage have to say about waiting?

Life Application

6. Pastor Rich Villodas has a helpful perspective on waiting. He said, "What God does in us as we wait is often more important than what we are waiting for." What has been your experience of God while waiting?
7. Waiting can mature us? How do we make sure we mature as we wait?
8. What are you longing for now? How can we support you?