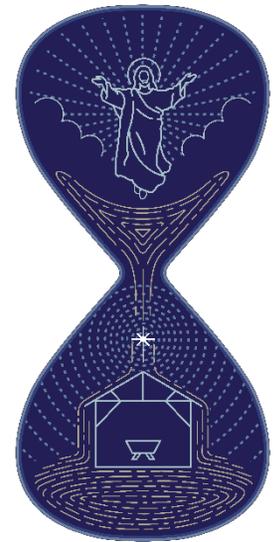


# Small Group Discussion

## Faith: Patient Waiting

Advent Week 2: 2 Peter 3.8-15a



### Getting Started

- Have you ever had someone show up for an appointment over 30 minutes late? How did that make you feel? What thoughts did you have about that person while you were waiting?
- Have you ever been mocked for your faith, or even felt self-conscious about the message that Jesus will come again?

### Static Questions

- **What was the passage about?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main *points* of the passage.
- **What did you learn?**
  - What did the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Was there a promise or command or a warning?
  - What is the big idea of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **How will you apply it?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this message?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### From the Teaching this Morning

- Studying what the scriptures have to say about the end times and the return of Christ is a good pursuit. At what point could that study become unhelpful or even unhealthy?
- Peter describes what an understanding of Christ's return should look like in the life of a believer. How would you describe that in your own words?
- *"Prosperity knits a man to the World. He feels that he is 'finding his place in it,' while really it is finding its place in him."* How have you experienced that in your day-to-day life? What temporary things can easily become entrenched in our hearts?

### Application Questions

- What are some things you and your family could do to observe Advent as a season of waiting and anticipation rather than rushing full speed to Christmas? Share ideas with one another.
- Read Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13. How does that psalm connect with the account of John the Baptist and this text from 2 Peter?

