

12/8/19 | THE IN BETWEEN, Matthew

"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

—Psalm 27:14 | NIV



1. Share about a time you waited for an anticipated package or a special day. Did you check off the days or track the order? How did you feel?
2. What does that have to do with waiting for the Lord?
3. Consider this quote. What does it mean? What does it have to do with waiting for the Lord?

"Waiting is the hardest work of hope." —Lewis B. Smedes
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? Explain.

Waiting

5. Read Psalm 130:5-6, Micah 7:7, Romans 8:23-25, and Titus 2:13. What is the connection between waiting and hope? Why?
6. What hope do you think Israel had for their Messiah's first coming? What hope do we have for His second?
7. Read Acts 1:11, 1 Corinthians 1:7, and James 5:7-8. What are we waiting for? How should we wait?
8. Israel had to wait for Jesus' first coming, and we have to wait for His second. Which do you think is/was easier? Why?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 4:5, Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 9:28, and 1 Peter 5:4. Why is Jesus coming again?

10. What will He do at His coming? What will we do?
11. Read Matthew 24:36-46. How are we supposed to keep watch and be ready? Why?
12. Read Matthew 24:48-51. What are we warned against? Why?
13. Some people were not ready at Jesus' first coming, and some were. How can we be ready for Jesus' second coming?
14. How can we use Christmas to look toward, and wait for, Jesus' second coming?
15. What has this study shown you about waiting for the second coming of Jesus?
16. Why does it matter?

TAKEAWAY: Do not be disappointed.