

## **February 25, 2024 - Questions: How Long, O Lord?**

Feel free to **PICK AND CHOOSE** some of the questions below to engage with as a group. Before you leave, be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

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### **Connect:**

What is your relationship with waiting? Are you a good waiter or a bad waiter?

### **Engage:**

#### **Read Psalm 13:1-6**

God's people are invited to bring their hardest emotions and deepest questions directly to God. Do you have a habit of asking these types questions of God? Why or why not?

When we face things that we'd prefer to pass quickly, why do we so badly want to know "*how long?*"

Robert outlined three invitations in Psalm 13.

1. Complain - an invitation to make a vertical complaint
2. Ask - to cry out to God for urgent help
3. Trust - only in waiting can you learn your limits

Which of these three invitations that God extends comforts you the most? Why?

"In our waiting, we think it's about getting what we want, but it's about becoming who Jesus wants us to be."

When was a time that, while you waited, you can look back and see that God was shaping you? What did he teach you? What did he work into you? Would you trade that experience away?

"We think that a not yet is a not ever." - Lewis Smedes

When have you been guilty of this?

What is something that you don't have yet, but you hope is coming soon?

### **Apply:**

Do you more often find yourself "waiting around" or "waiting on God?"

Are you sitting around and stewing or are you taking steps to know God more fully and become more like him while you wait?

Robert outlined three states that you might find yourself in that we find in Isaiah 40:

1. Soaring
2. Able to run and not grow weary
3. Walk and not faint

Which of these states do you feel you're currently in?

What is God teaching you in this season?

### **Prayer:**

What's a circumstance in your life right now that has you asking God "how long?"

Take some time as a group to pray for one another's specific circumstances.

### **Top 3:**

**How to Childproof Your Marriage | Wednesday, February 28 at 5:30 pm**  
**Date Night | Sunday, March 3 at 5:30 pm**

**No Kids, No Problems? | Sunday, March 3 at 5:30pm**

In "How to Child Proof Your Marriage", Laura McAlpin and Raymond Kennedy, a Fondren Church member and professional counselor, will lead us through a night to strengthen marriages in every stage of parenting. Couples will receive encouragement, practical tips, and helpful resources to grow the strength of their marriage even in the midst of demanding seasons. Whether you're expecting your first child, in the "middle miles" and actively parenting kids and teens, or are navigating an empty nest, this will be a valuable investment of time in your marriage.

In "No Kids, No Problems?" Laura McAlpin will lead us through a night to build and strengthen marriages in the early years. Specifically designed for engaged, nearly married, newly married, and couples without the stressors that children add to the marital relationship, couples will receive encouragement, practical tips, and helpful resources to grow the strength of their marriage, and build healthy habits and strong foundations in their relationship.

Register for either Workshop at [fondrenchurch.com/events](http://fondrenchurch.com/events).

**Good Friday Night of Worship - March 29 at 6:00 pm**

Plan to join us for a night of worship and reflection as we remember Jesus' death and anticipate Easter.

**Easter - March 31 | 3 Services**

We're looking forward to Easter this year with three worship services at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am. Plan ahead and join us in inviting and praying for Easter.