

Been There Why Is God So Slow?

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." John 2:3-4 NLT

For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him! Isaiah 64:4 NLT

But when the right time came, God sent his Son ... Galatians 4:4 NLT

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ... Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" ... John 12:23, 27-28 NIV

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- How easy or difficult is it for you to wait?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- What are some things that you do when you're waiting?
- Read **Isaiah 64:4**. How does it feel to know that God is working while you're waiting?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when God answered a prayer you had been waiting on. How did this experience impact your relationship with God?
- Talk about something you're waiting for right now. What are you doing to grow closer to God as you're waiting for Him to answer?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, You are always on time, even when it feels like You're behind or late. Thank You for faithfully showing up and giving us what we need, when we need it. Please show us how we can seek You in the waiting. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- If you notice yourself trying to move faster than God's pace this week, pause and find a way to surrender instead.
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.