



Expect to Wait

Mark 1:1-8

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Read & Reflect

1. Read Mark 1:1-8 ; What do you think was the attraction to John the Baptist that crowds of people came to him (vs.4 & 5; see Isaiah 40:1-5)?
2. Think about all the situations in the Bible when people had to wait for God to act. Can you list them? Do you think God is just slow, or is waiting part of the story of salvation?

Explore

3. What's your worst "waiting" nightmare? In what situation have you experienced the truth of the proverb, "Good things come to those who wait?"
4. How many of the following benefits of waiting do you recognize in your own life:

<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting to be delivered	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting as rest
<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting on change	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting as letting go
<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting in humility	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting in patience
5. What does a "waiting" stance or life-style look like for a Christian? How can waiting point to Jesus, the Saviour of the world, do you think?
6. Did even John the Baptist get tired of waiting? (See Matthew 11:1-6) When do you get tired of waiting for God to act?

Pray:

- Praise God for his mercy, patience and ability to wait on us in our stubbornness, disobedience, or rebellion.
- Pray for one another in the situations of life where waiting seems to have gone on too long
- Pray that God will show us the way of salvation in our waiting
- Pray, "Even so, come Lord Jesus, come quickly."