

June 21, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

"Waiting Is a Divine Setup That Promises a Much Better View"– Mark 5:21-43

1. Think of a time when you were forced to wait longer than expected for something deeply important. What was your initial emotional reaction, and how did that delay challenge your faith?
2. In Mark 5, we see three different reactions to Jesus' delay (the disciples' frustration, the messenger's resignation, the mourners' mocking). Which of these responses do you relate to the most when God's timeline doesn't match yours, and why?
3. When we feel trapped in the waiting, we tend to either disassociate (the Idol of Comfort) or double down and strive harder (the Idol of Control). Which of these "flesh" responses is your default, and how does it usually leave you feeling?
4. Consider the profound connection between the woman's 12 years of suffering, the girl's 12 years of life, and Jesus in the temple at 12 years old. How does knowing that Jesus "slow-walked His way to the cross in perfect obedience" change the way you view His ability to empathize with your current waiting?
5. Jesus wasn't waiting to be rescued; He was waiting for the moment He would be abandoned on the cross so that we wouldn't have to be. How does this ultimate act of substitution reassure you of His love when you feel like God is silent?
6. The world tells us to either reinvent ourselves without boundaries or life-hack our way out of the delay. How does the Gospel offer a better, more restful alternative to these exhausting cultural narratives?
7. Because we are clothed in Christ's perfect righteousness, we don't *have to* fix our own circumstances. We *get to* rise above them and notice others. Who is someone in your life right now who is stuck in the waiting, and how can you practically serve and encourage them this week?
8. The woman in Proverbs 31 "laughs at the days to come" because she is clothed in strength and dignity. How does knowing that Christ is purposeful in your delay give you the dignity to face tomorrow with hope rather than anxiety?