



Hope in the Dark Waiting

Look Back – Care, Praise, Loving Accountability, Vision – 20 mins This is a time to see how everyone's week was. Were they successful in the previous week's goals? Were they unsuccessful? It's also a time to pour vision into your group. Give them the why behind things we are doing church wide. **Make sure to have your update outline with you so you can reference different points from the sermon.**

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO SERVE AT WILES ELEMENTARY MARCH 16TH 2-5PM OR LITTLEWOOD ELEMENTARY MARCH 21ST 5-8PM! IT'S GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!!!!

<https://shift-church.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/50/responses/new>

- Did you grow up in an environment where you felt safe to bring doubts and questions to God? How do you think that influences your view of God today?
- What do you think is the hardest thing about waiting?
- Are you more likely to place your faith in a result you want or in God's character?

Look Up – What does the Bible say? Practice – 20 mins

- Read Habakkuk 2:1. What's it like for you to wait and listen for God to respond to your pain? What could you do to make more room for listening?
- Joe said that Habakkuk did three things while he was waiting: He listened, he wrote down what God said, and then he waited. Read Habakkuk 2:2. What are some answers God has given you in the past that you can write down as an anchor for the future?
- Read Habakkuk 2:3. God tells Habakkuk that His promise is coming even if it seems slow. He says to wait for it b/c it will not be delayed. Joe said that if it's not God's timing you can't force it but when it is God's time you can't stop it. Share about a time when you either waited on God or tried to force His timing. What did you learn?
- Read Habakkuk 2:4. How hard is it to live by faithfulness or faith? Talk about the struggle of living by faith versus living by what we see.
- Read Habakkuk 2:20. Habakkuk seems to be saying this as a reminder to himself that God is still in control. How can this bring us comfort during our waiting seasons? Describe a time in your life when this helped you through waiting.

Look Forward – Set Goals (For Accountability), Commission and Pray – 20 mins

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start writing. Even if it's just short notes on your phone, write about promises God has given you.
- If you're hurting, ask someone to remind you of God's character.