

The Relational Disciple



Waiting For Each other

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Waiting For Each Other.

Read: We live in a world today that is moving so fast, that waiting for more than a minute or two has become a thing of the past for many. People demand things now and why not when at a click of a button today you can find out everything and virtually anything you want to.

The only problem with this, is that this very impatient and intolerable worldly culture has and is infecting God's people. The ability to wait for one another and to move at someone else's pace, to see them come into the life Jesus has for them, is to be a character trait of every follower of Jesus.

For this to be a lived out reality we must know how to wait on the Lord first.

Isaiah 40: 28-31 *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.*

Those who wait upon the Lord will gain new strength. Did we hear that? They will gain a NEW STRENGTH. A new strength which is His strength operating in and from you, enables and empowers one to wait for others, and to journey at another's pace, rather than their preferred pace.

This doesn't mean one isn't developing their own personal relationship with God as well, in fact this is essential for one to be able to wait for others. The reason many struggle to not be able to wait for others is because we have not yet transitioned from being functional followers of Jesus to relational followers of Jesus.

This is what this new power does. It literally changes our primary inner core posture from being functional to relational. When we become relational, we put the needs of the person ahead of the need to accomplish the task. The growth and development of the person becomes our primary focus and task and we are prepared to be patient and take things at their pace.

I guess this is why love is patient. When we receive this new strength through our waiting on the Lord, we gain love and love is patient. Our capacity to wait on others has enlarged and we now find ourselves being able to demonstrate this reality all the time.

Questions:

1. What does waiting on another look like?
2. How does God's strength operating in and from us enable this waiting?
3. Why is waiting on others so essential for the building of the body?
4. What does waiting on another look like while developing one's own relationship with Christ and moving forward?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.