

# WAIT FOR IT!

## Discussion Notes

Dave started by explaining to us that Baptism in the Spirit was a key role that Jesus fulfilled.

- What is 'Baptism in the Spirit' and have you experienced it?
- Dave explained some of the work of the Spirit that the Bible tells us we should look for in our lives. Where do you see the Spirit at work in your life?

Read through Luke 24:45-49. In this passage Jesus prepares his disciples for a time of waiting, from when Jesus ascends to when they received the Spirit at Pentecost. Dave explained that this is God showing us the value in waiting for his Spirit.

- Does anyone in the group feel like they are waiting for God at the moment? What does this look and feel like to you?
- Do you think waiting for God is good for us or is it a sign that we are doing something wrong in our faith?

Dave said that there are several benefits for us that come from waiting for God. Something it can grow in us is a hunger for God - as we wait for Him our hunger grows!

- Do you agree that God uses waiting to grow our hunger? If so, have you experienced this?
- How do we grow our hunger for God?
- Dave also said that instead of waiting for God we fill ourselves with other things - like filling up on a snack instead of a full meal - how do we do this in our lives?

Waiting for God can also be a test our faithfulness to Him; it can expose us and how much we want to meet with God.

- Do you agree that God tests our heart?
- Do you find this difficult to understand? If so, why?

Sometimes we feel like we are waiting for God because we can't see the bigger picture that God sees; He has a bigger strategy than we can see.

- Looking back, have you got examples of this in your life?
- What can we do to remind ourselves of this bigger picture?

Take some time in your group to wait for God together. This could be sitting in silence, going off on your own or by praying for one another in smaller groups. Either way, invite God's Spirit to come and then wait to see what He does!

You may also want to pray for those who are struggling in a time of waiting. It can be really hard to be the one waiting so encourage one another in prayer.