

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / JAN. 19



21 Days of
Prayer & Fasting

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

This week, let's join our church family in *21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (21 DOPF)*. This week's guide will alternate between discussion(💬) as a whole group and praying(🙏) together in smaller groups. We want to maximize our time in corporate prayer, so please limit the discussion to a maximum of about 5–7 minutes per question.

Group Discussion and Prayer

- 💬 Let's have a few of us share our personal plans and hopes for the *21 DOPF*. Any tips we can share with each other? Is anyone doing something like this for the first time?
- 🙏 *7 minutes.* Thank God for his faithfulness and presence in times of waiting, even when he feels distant or silent.
- 💬 How have you experienced the tension and discomfort of waiting on God in your own life? What did you learn through that experience?
- 🙏 *7 minutes.* Ask God to help us embrace the tension and discomfort of waiting, trusting that he is using it to shape and refine us.
- 💬 Pastor Curtis said that "waiting on God is never about sitting still and doing nothing—it's about faithfully stewarding today." How can we actively wait on God?
- 🙏 *7 minutes.* Pray for wisdom and discernment to avoid the pitfalls of anger, anxiety, and apathy during seasons of waiting. Ask God to give us the strength to actively invest in today, stewarding our time and resources well as we wait on him.
- 💬 In Exodus 2:23–24, we read that God heard, remembered, saw, and knew the Israelites' suffering. How do these actions reveal God's character, and how do we ultimately see this displayed through Jesus Christ?
- 🙏 *7 minutes.* Pray for a deeper understanding of God's character and timing, finding comfort in the truth that he hears, remembers, sees, and knows our situation.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Stay in your smaller groups for this portion:

- 🙏 *10 minutes.* Considering this week's sermon, what gospel truth are you most thankful for? Spend some time thanking God for what he has done for us in Christ.
- 🙏 *15 minutes.* Share your personal prayer requests. What do you want God to do in your life and in the lives of those you know? Share these desires with each other and pray for one another.