



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

03-12-2024		Advent - Waiting	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> When is too soon to put up Christmas decorations? Send a Christmas card? Start cooking the veg?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What are you waiting for? <input type="checkbox"/> What are you like at waiting? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is there so much waiting involved in pregnancy? What effect can this have?		
 Read	Luke 1:5-25	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:5-7 : Who were Zechariah and Elizabeth? How were they the 'golden couple'? Yet, what personal pain/ disappointment were they also carrying? How do you 'square' faithfulness to God with immunity to life's struggles? <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:8-12 : Is worship about 'us to God' and/ or 'God to us'? How? Why? Have you ever felt 'spooked' (surprised by God) in worship? <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:13-17 : Why can we sometimes think God only has 'good news' for others, not us? How long had they been waiting? What effect might this have had on them? What does your name mean? Why were you given it? What was 'John' destined to be? <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:18-22 : Have you ever struggled to accept or receive something from God? Why is it easy to become cynical? What effect does this have? What's an alternative responses to cynicism? <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:23-25 : Even after the 'spiritual high' promise moment, they still had to wait a further 5 months. What must this have been like?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 3:1-12 : What did John 'the Baptist' inherit from his parents? How might their age have led to his independent spirit? What have you inherited from your biological or adopted parent(s)?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Wait for something. Be aware of your feelings/ emotions. <input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone to a Christmas event/ service at Chester Road Baptist Church.		
 Pray	Dear God, I thank you that _____. Show me more of Your _____. Teach me to be more _____.		



My questions:

*If you're not yet in a small group, why not join one! Check out: ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/SmallGroups
Can't see a group to suit your availability/interest? Start one! SmallGroups@ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk.*

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