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SESSION THREE:

WAITING ON A MIRACLE

Waiting is hard. Whether it's waiting on a prayer to be answered, a breakthrough to come, or a miracle to happen, we all go through seasons where we pray and God's answers seem delayed. We find ourselves in the waiting room of life, and it's in these trying times that many of us move beyond doubting ourselves to doubting God. Waiting often leads to wondering... *Does God see? Does He care? Do miracles still happen?*

The good news is that God can handle our hard questions. He doesn't shy away from our doubts. In fact, He uses them to grow our faith and deepen our relationship with Him.

In this session, we will learn how to lean into those seasons of waiting and unanswered prayers. It's not easy, but when we process our doubts in a healthy way, they can become stepping stones to greater intimacy with God.



"So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:18



GROUP DISCUSSION

Leader, read these questions aloud.

1. What circumstances in your life have caused you to doubt God or His goodness? How did you work through it?
2. What miracle do you need God to do in your life or in your family right now?
3. Sometimes God does a miracle in a minute, and sometimes He takes us on a journey of miracles. How do you stay strong in your faith while waiting?
4. Sometimes when we don't have a lot of faith, we need to borrow the belief of a friend. How has someone else's faith or belief strengthened your faith in the past?



CLOSING PRAYER

Select a volunteer to pray this closing prayer over the group:

“God, thank You for being patient with us and our doubts. We’re grateful that we can bring our questions, fears, and frustrations to You. Holy Spirit, help us to trust You in the waiting and to see your hand at work, even when we can’t see the whole picture. Strengthen our faith and teach us to depend on You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

WORK OUT THE DOUBT

PERSONAL STUDY

→ READ

In the Gospel of John, we read about “Doubting Thomas,” one of Jesus’ disciples who became famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus.

Read John 20:24-31. Take note of Thomas’ doubts.

→ RELATE

How can you relate to Thomas’ doubts?

Thomas said, “Unless I see the nail marks in His hands... I will not believe” (John 20:25). What are you waiting to “see” before you fully trust God?

When Thomas reached out for Jesus, Jesus met him with open arms, love, and peace. Thomas' interaction with Jesus tells us it's okay to question God. He can handle our hard questions and our doubts. And Thomas wasn't the only person in the Bible to have doubts.

What did David ask in Psalm 13:1?

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When God doesn't show up when we think He should—when we're met with a delay instead of an answer to our prayers—doubt creeps in. What areas of your life or answers from God feel delayed?

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Now, read Psalm 13:5-6. What did David determine to do while he was waiting for God to deliver him?

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David didn't just reach for Jesus—he worshiped Him while He waited for his miracle. Write your own declaration of faith below, using Psalm 13:5-6 as a guide:

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When God's answers seem delayed, and you're left waiting, remember—God is working while you wait.

How could you leverage the delay you're experiencing for your development?

Check all that apply.

- Learning a new hobby
- Growing in your education *(going back to school, attending a workshop, etc.)*

- Building friendships
- Implementing spiritual disciplines like prayer, Bible study, or fasting
- Going to counseling
- Setting a new goal
- Other: _____

What does Matthew 18:20 promise, and under what conditions?

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Now, read Hebrews 10:23-25 and write it in your own words:

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When doubt is taking you out, hang out with people of faith. Who are those people for you? What about their faith inspires you?

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How can you be intentional about surrounding yourself with those people you listed?

- Call them
- Go out for coffee

- Invite them over to hang out and catch up
- Plan a monthly dinner
- Set up a weekly FaceTime call
- Other: _____

Don't just check a box—take a step toward biblical community this week!

→ RESPOND

Here's a good strategy for bringing your doubts to Jesus:

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Take your doubts and turn them into questions.

| **2** |

Take your questions and turn them into prayers.

| **3** |

Take your prayers and let them turn you to God.

