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The Waiting Game

Luke 3:23-38 (2:25-38)

Nobody likes to wait

There are so many examples of how we as humans must wait, and how frustrating it can be.

Names between the creation and the flood

- Do you recognise any of the names?
- What did folk hope for after the fall from creation, did everyone know about the prophecy of **THE seed**.

Names between the Abraham and the Exodus

- This time there was a specific time-period in play. I wonder if that helped or hindered someone caught between the two events. Now **THE seed** was even more relevant

Names between the Restoration and Jesus

- We are back to not knowing the time but being much more aware of the promise of the Messiah, the promised seed of Eve and Abram.
- When Jesus arrived, so much expectation was fulfilled… and then wasn't!

So many names since then waiting for the final big event

- We are all names awaiting the big ending, surrounded by speculation
- Hebrews 11 – no-one has received what they hoped for!

What are we waiting for?

- How to wait patiently and how does Christmas fit into our expectations. Is a nativity like a Passover. Like the chap in the first picture, the bible says God waits for us too.

Questions for reflection and discussion in Growth Groups

1. Share with each other examples of when you have had to wait. Was it for something good or bad and what difference did that make?
2. Try to imagine what faithful, God-fearing people would talk about when it looked like nothing was going to happen very soon. How did they witness to others around them?
3. Can we, or indeed should we try to, predict when Jesus is going to return? (read through Luke 21:6-8)
4. In what way is God waiting for us? (read through 2Peter 3:1-13)