

JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT
FOR THE KING**BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT FOR THE KING**

Genesis 49:18; Psalm 27:14; 39:7; 130:5; Isaiah 33:2; Lamentations 3:25-26; Micah 7:7; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Revelation 19:16

BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 2:25-26

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ."

BIG IDEAS

- We wait patiently for our King.
- We wait expectantly for our King.
- We wait faithfully for our King.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:22-35

God's people wait for the King to come. Simeon was a righteous and devout man who waited faithfully and expectantly for the promised Messiah. He remained faithful to God and obeyed His commands because he believed God would send the Messiah. He got to see the Messiah because he waited patiently and faithfully.

ADVENT

Advent is a special celebration and contemplation of the coming of Jesus Christ that Christians participate in during the Christmas season. Advent literally means "arrival" or "coming". During Advent season God's people remember and rejoice in Jesus' first coming to save his people from their sins, while at the same time long with anticipation and expectation for his return. Advent centers on Jesus, the saving Son. He alone is the one true King!

BIG AIMS**Every student should know that:**

- Jesus is the one and only King.
- Jesus came and is coming again.
- We exist for Jesus.

**Every student should feel:**

- The longing within their soul for the King.
- A dissatisfaction within their soul for things of the world.
- Awe and wonder that the King has come and is coming again.

**Every student should strive to:**

- Spend time each week with their family talking about the King.
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week.
- Tell someone else about the King who came and is coming again.

**Every student should want to:**

- Trust the King in the everyday struggles of life.
- See and seek Jesus more than anything else this Christmas season.
- Tell others who are lost about the good news of the King.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to wait for the King to come. We will pray for a greater understanding of how to live faithfully as we wait for His coming and we will practice waiting expectantly for His coming.

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FOR THE KING**Read and meditate on Luke 2:22-25 this week.**

- As you meditate on these verses, consider how Simeon waited for the coming of the Lord. How do you wait expectantly like Simeon for Christ's return? Are there things that distract you from waiting for the King to come? How can you learn to wait patiently for the King's coming? What are some behaviors you can put on to help you wait faithfully for the King's coming?

Ponder your daily life.

- Are there things that keep you from being faithful to God as you wait for the King's coming? How can you put off the things of the world that you might wait expectantly and faithfully for the King's coming?

**Spend time praying this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to show you some of the behaviors you need to put off in order to wait patiently for the King's coming. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart to long for and wait faithfully for the King's coming.

Spend time in prayer with your parent or small group leader this week.

- As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to walk in obedience to God's Word that you might be found waiting faithfully when the King comes.

**Evaluate your attitudes and behaviors by writing down some of the attitudes or behaviors that keep you from waiting for the King's coming.**

- What is something in your walk with Christ that your struggling with when it comes to the area of patience? Write it down and ask God for help.
- What are some attitudes or actions that distract you from trusting the King? Write them down and then talk about them.
- How can meditating on the King's second coming give you hope in the trials and struggles of this week? Write down some ways you can remind yourself of the hope that Jesus is coming again.
- Make a list of things you see in Scripture that describe a perfectly faithful life and discuss this list with your small group leader. Choose one or two of the ways you discuss to work on this week. Plan to meet again at the end of the week to discuss your progress.