

# Letters From My Future Self: Week 5

## Discussion Guide

### Discuss:

- What do you do to pass the time when you wait? [5 min]
- What is the hardest thing you ever had to wait for and what did you learn from that experience? [5 min]
- Are you in a season of waiting right now? What do you think God wants you to learn? [5 min]
- “God often wants to do something in us before he does something through us.” How have you experienced this personally? [5 min]

### Challenge:

Read the scriptures as they come on the screen. Identify the lessons or character traits God wants to build in us during the wait. Have someone act as a scribe for the group to craft a list of these lessons. [10 min]

### Scriptures:

- **Job 42:10, 12a (NIV)** “And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.... And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning.”
- **Psalm 27:14 (NIV)** “Wait for the Lord; **be strong** and **take heart** and wait for the Lord.”
- **Psalm 33:20 (NIV)** “We wait in **hope** for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.”
- **Psalm 40:1 (NIV)** “I waited **patiently** for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.”

- **Psalm 130:5 (NIV)** “I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my **hope**.”
- **Proverbs 20:22 (ESV)** “Do not say, “I will repay evil”; wait for the Lord, and he will **deliver** you.”
- **Isaiah 30:18 (ESV)** “Therefore the Lord waits to be **gracious** to you, and therefore he **exalts** himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.”
- **Isaiah 64:4 (NIV)** “Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who **acts on behalf** of those who wait for him.”
- **Hosea 12:6 (NIV)** “But you must **return** to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.”
- **Romans 8:23 (CEV)** “The Spirit makes us sure about what we will be in the future. But now we groan silently, while we wait for God to show that **we are his children**. This means that our bodies will also be set free.”
- **1 Corinthians 1:7 (ERV)** “So you have **every gift** from God while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to come again.”
- **Hebrews 6:15 (NIV)** “And so after waiting **patiently**, Abraham received what was promised.”
- **James 5:7 (NIV)** “Be **patient**, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.”

## **Prayer:**

Take note of those around you who are in a season of waiting. Pray for each of them (a) that they would not waste the wait and (b) God would do something in them so he can do something through them.