



Title: Growing Together While Waiting for Jesus

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:16-3:13

Jesus is coming again soon in His glory, so wait with watching faith and a blameless boast.

1. What Are You Waiting For? – Jesus Coming Again in Glory
 - a. Jesus' Second Coming is the Future Hope of the Gospel
 - b. Jesus' Second Coming Will Bring Salvation and Judgment
2. How does Jesus' Coming Change Your Perspective on Present Suffering? –
Wait with Watching Faith
 - a. Let God's Wrath Handle Your Oppressors
 - b. Trust God in Present Difficulty
3. How does Jesus' Coming Change Your Perspective on Fellow Believers? –
Wait with a Blameless Boast
 - a. Work Actively to Build Faith in Others
 - b. Patient Perseverance in Ministry is Worth it

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had to wait a long time for something? (A promotion at work? A wedding day? The birth of a child? At the Michigan Secretary of State's office?) Why do you think waiting is so hard?
2. What might it mean to "wait" for Jesus to return? (In addition to 1 Thess, also see Matthew 24:42-46, 25:13, Isaiah 25:6-9, 26:3-4, 8-9).
3. Is it *easy* to wait for Jesus' return or *hard*? Why?
4. What are some ways that the second coming of Jesus changes your perspective on:
 - Our unbelieving neighbors and friends
 - The present state of the world
 - Discouragement in ministry
 - Fellow believers in our church
 - Our daily priorities and schedules
 - Injustices that are done against us
5. Who is Paul's "crown of boasting" when the Lord returns (1 Thess. 2:19-20)? What do you think this means?
6. Who will be your "crown of boasting" when Jesus comes back?
7. How can you personally help "supply what is lacking" in someone's faith (1 Thess. 3:10)?