

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- John Eldredge - *Moving Mountains: Praying with Passion, Confidence, and Authority* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")
- Larry Crabb - *Becoming a True Spiritual Community: A Profound Vision of What the Church Can Be*
- Charles Stanley - *Waiting on God: Strength for Today and Hope for Tomorrow*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

Plus... be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

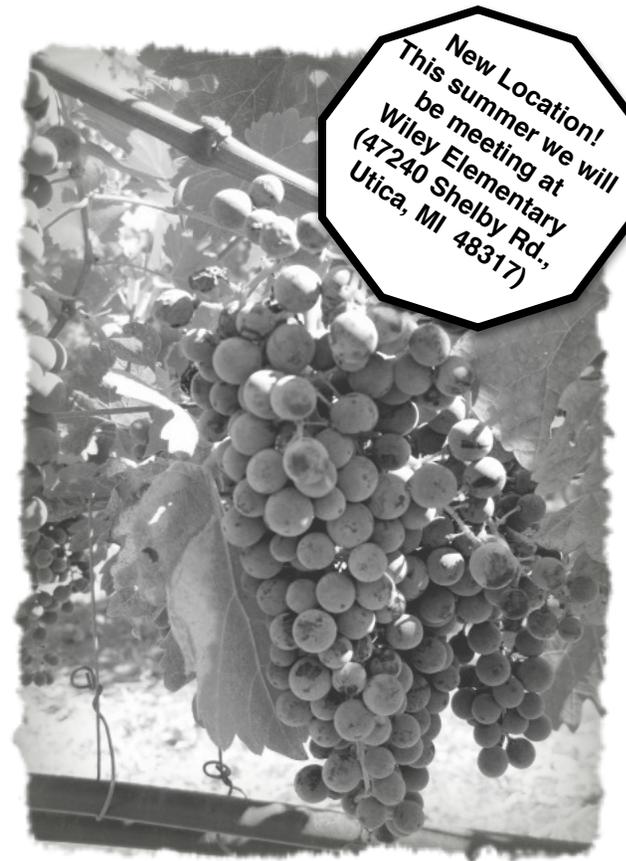
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New Location!
This summer we will
be meeting at
Wiley Elementary
(47240 Shelby Rd.,
Utica, MI 48317)

When God Says Wait

June 25, 2017

Week 4 of series: Acts 29

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

When God Says Wait

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: There are many opportunities in our area to see a professional fireworks display at this time of year. Are you going to any fireworks this year, and if so, which display? Or do you avoid fireworks because of the long waits involved (e.g., getting to the location several hours early and waiting until sundown... and then waiting in a traffic jam after its over)? Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read Galatians 5:22-23. One aspect of the fruit of the Spirit is patience. What are areas in your life where you bear this fruit, where you are fine with waiting or taking the slow approach? What are areas in your life where you tend to bear the opposite fruit?
4. Read Acts 1:4-5. In this passage, Jesus told the disciples to wait, to not get ahead of God. Share a time on your spiritual journey where waiting for God's timing was incredibly hard for you to do.
5. Share about a time where you were like the disciples in the Upper Room (see Acts 1:12-14 and Acts 2:1-4), where you prayed about something, and you waited...and waited. And then God moved, and you realized He didn't forget about you after all—He was simply waiting until the right time to answer your prayer.
6. Read Isaiah 40:31. The NASB translation reads, "they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength." In Hebrew, the word wait can mean *hope* or *wait*. And in this verse, these two ideas overlap, implying "waiting hope" or "hopeful waiting." What is an area in your life where you are waiting on God and you need to be filled with hope?
7. Read Acts 1:26. While the Apostles were waiting in Jerusalem as Jesus commanded them to do, they didn't sit around and do nothing. Instead, they continued to gather together and even added someone into their circle of friends. Look over the list below. Which ways do you feel a nudge to try out in an effort to press into community in our church during the summer months?
 - Show up 15 minutes earlier to church than normal and stay 15 minutes later to meet people.
 - Ask a few folks to meet during the week to go through the Digging Deeper questions
 - Attend the men's event on July 11th and/or the men's retreat on August 25-26 (see *The Eastsider* newsletter for additional info).
 - Join a volunteer team
 - Other: _____

Key Passage:

While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "Which," he said, "you have heard me speak about; or John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days." - Acts 1:4-5 (CSB)