



The Big Gift: Season of Waiting

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Warm up

1. Would you consider yourself a patient person?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

Dig in

3. How are we impacted today by the digital technology and the capacity for immediate gratification? What happens to us as we grow accustomed to getting everything right now?
4. How did Malachi 4:5-6 shape the Jewish understanding of God's plan? What are Jews still expecting today from Elijah?
5. Read Luke 1:11-17. What was the angel Gabriel's message for Zechariah about his future son?
6. Read Luke 1:18-20. How was this imposed season of silence/waiting a gift? How is it good for us to be forced to wait on God?

Digging deeper (extra credit!)

7. What's the difference between the Need it now vs. the Silence/waiting mindset?
8. What season are you in right now? A season of silence/waiting or a season of sharing/celebration? How can you make the most of this time?
9. If you're in a season of sharing, who will you invite to Christmas at the Belle? Who can you bless in some other way?



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In the age of Google, Netflix, and Amazon, how well do we _____?

Malachi 4:5-6

Elijah will come back:

Passover meal place for Elijah:

Luke 1:11-20

Do not be _____; your prayer has been _____.

John was and wasn’t _____.

John did Elijah’s job:

A season of _____. It’s ok to _____ for answers, hope, healing, God...

NEED IT NOW

SILENCE/WAITING:

Luke 1:62-64

Waiting on God:

What _____ are you in?