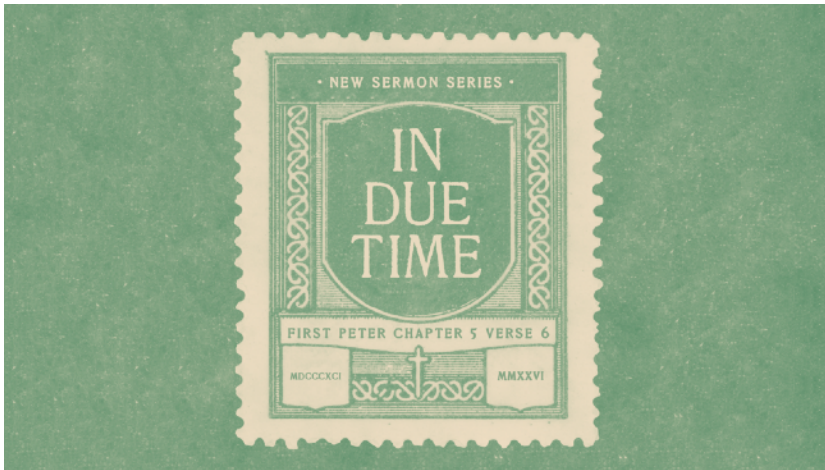


LOOP Study Guide In Due Time: Week 2

Key Scripture:

Psalm 37:1-9

Theme: *Waiting is where faith is tested, desire is refined, and trust is formed.*



PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

This LOOP guide is designed to help you walk with your LOOP through a deep, honest conversation about **waiting on God**, especially when it feels like others are advancing faster. The goal is to help people:

- Process frustration, comparison, and delay
- Understand what waiting reveals about trust and desire
- Learn how to wait **actively**, not passively
- Align their hearts with God's timing and purposes

Leader Reminder: Don't rush the discussion. Waiting is the topic—model patience in the room.

OPENING (5–10 MINUTES)

Icebreaker

- What's one thing in life you really struggle to wait for?

(Traffic, answers, healing, finances, relationships, clarity, kids, etc.)

Transition: *Waiting is hard—and it gets harder when it feels like everyone else is winning while you're still trusting.*

MESSAGE OVERVIEW (LEADER SUMMARY)

Waiting is one of the greatest tests of faith. It exposes what we trust, what we value, and what we believe defines success.

Psalm 37 was written by David later in life—not as a young warrior chasing dreams, but as a seasoned man who had watched people rise quickly and fall just as fast. He writes to faithful people who are:

- Doing the right thing
- Waiting longer than expected
- Watching others prosper faster

David’s encouragement is clear: **Don’t let delay distort your devotion.** God’s silence is not absence, and His timing is not punishment. God is not moving slow—He is moving *right*.

READ TOGETHER: PSALM 37:1–9

“Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong...”

Leader Note: Consider having multiple people read a few verses aloud to keep the group engaged.

DISCUSSION 1: WAITING & COMPARISON

Key Verse: Psalm 37:1–2

The word “fret” means to burn or stew internally.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think comparison makes waiting so much harder?
2. Where do you most often feel tempted to compare your progress with others?
3. How can envy quietly affect our relationship with God?

Leader Insight: Waiting often reveals what we think we deserve and what we believe defines success.

DISCUSSION 2: WAITING REVEALS WHAT WE TRUST MOST

Key Verse: Psalm 37:3

“Trust in the Lord and do good...”

Teaching Point

Waiting doesn’t create impatience—it exposes what we already trust. Most of us trust God’s power, but fewer trust His timing.

Discussion Questions

1. What’s harder for you: trusting God to act or trusting God to delay?
2. Have you ever mistaken delay for denial? What did God later show you?
3. Where might God be asking you to release control of the timeline?

DISCUSSION 3: DELIGHT COMES BEFORE DESIRE

Key Verse: Psalm 37:4

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

Teaching Point

This verse is not a promise that God gives us whatever we want—it’s a promise that God reshapes what we want when He becomes our delight.

When God becomes your delight:

- Values shift
- Ambitions mature
- Desires realign

Discussion Questions

1. How would you define “delighting in the Lord” in everyday life?
2. How has waiting ever changed *what* you were asking God for?
3. What’s the difference between a craving and a calling in your life right now?

DISCUSSION 4: FORMATION OVER FAST SUCCESS

Key Verses: Psalm 37:2, 9

Teaching Point

Visible success does not equal divine approval. The wicked may prosper temporarily, but the righteous are being formed eternally.

God is not preparing blessings for you—He is preparing you for the blessing.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God values formation more than speed?
2. What dangers come with receiving something before we’re ready?
3. How might God be developing long-term inheritance in your life?

DISCUSSION 5: WAITING IS ACTIVE

Key Verse: Psalm 37:5

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act.”

Teaching Point

Waiting on God is not doing nothing—it’s doing the right thing without guarantees.

Waiting looks like:

- Obedience without applause

- Faithfulness without recognition
- Trust when control feels easier

Discussion Questions

1. What does active waiting look like in your current season?
2. Where are you tempted to take shortcuts instead of trusting God's process?
3. How does obedience shape our character while we wait?

DISCUSSION 6: STILLNESS & SURRENDER

Key Verse: Psalm 37:7

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.”

Teaching Point

Stillness is not weakness—it's surrender. In stillness, God clarifies desire, heals comparison, and refines calling.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is stillness so difficult in seasons of waiting?
2. What distractions keep you from hearing God clearly?
3. How could stillness help separate what you want from what God wants?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Invite the group to quietly reflect before answering.

- What am I currently waiting for?
- What am I afraid of losing if this doesn't happen?
- What outcome do I believe defines my worth?
- Where might my desires need realignment?

Leader Moment: Silence is powerful here. Don't rush it.

GROUP PRAYER

Invite prayer around:

- Trusting God's timing
- Releasing comparison and envy
- Aligning desires with God's will

Optional Closing Declaration:

“I will trust God's timing. I will delight in the Lord, not compare my journey. I believe God is forming me, not forgetting me. And I trust that He will move—in due time.”

SALVATION & NEXT STEP MOMENT

Key Truth: God's timing for salvation is not someday—it's today.

If someone feels God prompting them toward surrender or a fresh start, create a safe, invitational moment. Offer to pray with them privately after group.

Leader Reminder: The goal isn't pressure—it's invitation.

CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT

Waiting doesn't mean God is late. It means God is working.

The greatest gift isn't getting what you want—it's becoming who God created you to be.

In due time.

THINGS HAPPENING AT FRESH START CHURCH:

- **Blessing Bag Event** - January 23rd 6pm. Great opportunity to serve our community. More info on the Church Center app.
- **Night to Shine** - February 13th. Still opportunities to volunteer. Sign up to volunteer on the Church Center app.