

“I Don’t Wait Anymore” chapter 1 study outline

I’m glad you’re here. We may all face different struggles, but one thing is true — we all know what it is like for our life to go in a direction we didn’t have planned. Chapter 1 talks about how we can go through a lot of emotions when that happens — anger, grief or confusion, to name a few.

- Have you ever felt heartbroken, disappointed and lost? What happened (or didn’t happen) that brought you to that point?

Over the next few weeks, we’re going to talk a lot about what it looks like to meet God in such a way that it changes everything about the way we see our lives, our future and our dreams. **But before that, we need to talk about his love.**

Read John 21.

- What does it look like in your life to *really* love someone else? Have you ever experienced that same sort of all-consuming love for God?
- Peter shows us what that looks like in the way he reacts to Jesus in John 21. He can’t even wait for the boat to make it to shore — he wants to get there as fast as he can, so he jumps in and swims.
- When Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him, Peter says yes. But then when Jesus tells him that following Him may not look the way he’d envisioned, Peter points at John and says, “What about this guy? Is he going to have to walk that road too?” What was Jesus’ response?

Read Hebrews 11.

- Does everyone’s journey look the same? Are we promised it would be easy?
- Right in the middle of the chapter, what do we see offered to the person who sees their life here on earth as merely passing through to the real thing?

Questions for discussion from IDWA chapter 1:

- Do we ever struggle with wanting to know the map rather than the One who holds it?
- How much of our lives do we invest in just knowing God compared to what we spend trying to figure out the path?
- When you think about love, have you ever really thought that *love* for God could feel like *love* for a person, that it could consume us in the same way? Are we guilty of giving God his own dictionary?
- What does it feel like to know Someone is pursuing you?