

1. What is one of the hardest things in your life that you've ever had to wait for? What made it hard?
2. Read Isaiah 61:1–3. Review the context in which Isaiah is writing. Remember, he's a prophet to the southern kingdom of Judah at a time when the northern kingdom, Israel, is taken captive by the Assyrians. Why would Isaiah's words have been so hopeful for the people of Judah?
3. In what ways does Isaiah reflect the human conditions of his time? How do those conditions apply today?
4. In what ways does the Messiah remedy those conditions?
5. Read Luke 4:16–30. How does this passage link to our passage in Isaiah? Why does Jesus omit v3 in his quote? What claim does Jesus make about himself and his First Advent? What does his omission of v3 indicate about the Second Advent?
6. How does Christ's provision in the now and the not yet encourage and motivate you to trust and follow him?
7. In what ways do you need to be honest about your need? How receptive have you been to Christ's provision? What is the most important thing that Christ provides for us? Is it ever hard to be patient? Ask the Lord to meet you in your need. If you're studying this in a group, pray for patience for each other as you close.
8. How does it glorify God when we're honest, receptive, and patient? Whether in a group or alone, ask God for courage and strength to be all of these things today.