



## Week #1: Make Room for Hope

- Waiting Makes \_\_\_\_\_ for God to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- In Our Waiting, God Teaches Us to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- In Our Waiting, God \_\_\_\_\_.

- In Our Waiting, God is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Luke 1:19-20 (ESV)

**Action Steps:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ out the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Closing Prayer:**

God, fill us with hope as we enter this Advent season. We choose to make room for you in the areas we are experiencing waiting. Help us to trust you more and see how you are working in our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Where are you waiting for God in your life?
2. Rich Villodas says, "What God does in us as we wait is often more important than what we are waiting for." Have you seen this happen in your own life? If so, give an example?
3. Have you seen God at work in your time of waiting?
4. Out of the three action steps, which do you feel is your Next Right Step? (Name the wait, carve out the time, surrender the pain.)

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