

Hope in the Waiting: Sermon Discussion & Reflection Questions
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What stuck out to you from today's message and/or passages of scripture?

Describe a "waiting room" that you are in right now.

God's presence is reliable (Ps. 139:1-3,7-8)

How have you experienced God's reliable presence in your life lately?

Can you think of a time when God did not "feel" present but you discovered his presence anyway?

God's creation is good (Ps 139:13-14)

Do you believe that you are "fearfully and wonderfully made?" Why or why not? How does this passage of scripture make you feel?

When has it been challenging for you to believe this? What kinds of help could you use when you find this truth is difficult to accept?

God's examination is safe (Ps 139:23-24)

In what areas of your life are you open to God's examination? In what areas do you try and hide from it?

What are some fears we often share in genuinely praying Ps. 139:23-24?

Application

Of the 2 "bookends", *Prayer Informed by God's Word* and *A Trusted Community*, which is stronger for you? Where/how might God be prompting you to grow?

Do you believe you are kind to yourself, hard on yourself, or somewhere in between? Where does either your kindness or contempt come from?

What is one step you could take in the next couple weeks to sure up your "bookends" or open more of yourself up to God's work in your life?

Read, discuss, pray through Psalm 32.