

VIRTUAL CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

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CONNECT

This week has been heavy. We watched images and videos from Minneapolis following George Floyd's death, and we've seen a rising number of COVID-19 related deaths. Reflect on the *good* you've seen this week. Not to diminish the hurt and pain, but to name that there *are* moments of God's goodness.

GROW

- When you think about **waiting** for something in your life, what moments come to mind? What was it like to wait as a child, vs. as an adult?
- Hans suggested that sometimes waiting causes us to get angry or afraid, and "**fear** causes us to place our comforts over the needs of the most vulnerable." Have you experienced this? What else does fear elicit in us? How do you find hope in the face of fear?
- Jesus' disciples asked him, *When will our waiting end?* Rather than answer the "when," Jesus talks about the "how" and reminds them not to let fear take over. Read this full chapter in Luke. What would it mean to switch our question to from "when" to "how"? Link: [**Luke 21**](#)
- As we are in an **In The Meantime** moment of waiting, what would it look like to have courage instead of fear? Be as specific as you can to talk about your own situation.

PRAY

God, we want to ask, "When will this all be over?" But God, it's not easy or always possible to know *when*. Remind us, in the meantime, that even though fear easily grabs a hold of us and twists reality, you offer us a story of new life, courage, and hope. And for that, we give thanks. Amen.