# Small Group Leader's Guide:
# Revelation 10:10-11 – What Are You Waiting For? Part 2

**Scripture:** Revelation 10:10–11; 2 Peter 3:9–18; 2 Thessalonians 2:11–12

**Main idea:** While we wait for Jesus to return, we must receive God's Word, live under His lordship, and guard against spiritual deception.

**Leader's goal:** Help each person identify one concrete step toward living under Jesus' lordship this week.

Pray for receptive hearts, understanding of Scripture, and willingness to obey Jesus.

**Leadership tips:**

1. **Establish a welcoming tone.** Let people know they can participate honestly without feeling pressured to have a polished answer.

2. **Keep the purpose clear.** Say: "Today, we're considering how the promise of Jesus' return should shape the way we live today."

3. **Manage participation graciously.** Invite quieter members into the conversation and gently redirect anyone who begins to dominate.



## Know It

**Read Revelation 10:10–11.**

John experienced God's message as both sweet and bitter. God's promises bring hope, but His message also includes judgment and difficult realities. John was called to receive that message and faithfully proclaim it.

**Discussion questions**

1. **Why do you think God's Word can be both sweet and bitter?** Share an example of a biblical truth that comforts you and one that challenges you.

2. **What is the difference between simply hearing God's Word and allowing it to become part of how we live?**

3. **John was told he must prophesy again. Where might God be calling you to speak His truth or share the gospel, even when doing so feels uncomfortable?**

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## Leadership tips

1. **Explain the picture before asking for application.** Eating the scroll represents receiving and internalizing God's message. The sweetness and bitterness remind us that God's truth includes both comforting promises and sobering realities.

2. **Help people move from information to obedience.** If answers remain general, ask: "What would someone notice in your life if you acted on that truth?" You may offer a brief example involving forgiveness, honesty, or loving a difficult person.\

3. **Handle John's commission carefully.** John received a particular prophetic assignment. Our application is to faithfully share the gospel and communicate biblical truth; we should not assume everyone has John's prophetic role.

4. **Make room for difficult emotions.** Someone may mention grief over an unbelieving family member or the cost of obedience. Listen compassionately and point toward God's faithfulness without rushing to resolve the tension.

**1. Grow as a Disciple of Jesus**

**Read 2 Peter 3:9–14.**

God's patience provides an opportunity for repentance. His promised return should shape our conduct today. We wait faithfully by pursuing holiness, godliness, and peace.

**Kingdom Agenda:** God's comprehensive rule made visible over every area of life: the individual, the family, the church, and the community.

**Kingdom Disciple:** A believer who visibly and consistently lives every area of life under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

**Discussion questions**

1. **How does understanding God's patience as an opportunity for repentance change the way you view your own life and people who do not yet follow Jesus?**

2. **Peter connects Jesus' return with holy conduct and godliness. What would change in your everyday decisions if His return were more central to your thinking?**

3. **Consider your personal life, family, church involvement, and community relationships. In which area do you most need to submit to Jesus' lordship, and what specific step could you take this week?**

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1. **Connect God's patience with a present response.** Help the group see that His patience should encourage repentance and gospel witness. Ask: "How can we use the time God has given us faithfully?"

2. **Keep the discussion focused on Peter's application.** Questions about the timing of the end may arise. Briefly acknowledge them, then return to verse 11: "What sort of people should we be?" The passage calls for holy living while we wait.

3. **Explain discipleship as a response to grace.** Holiness does not purchase salvation. It expresses a growing relationship with Jesus and a willingness to follow Him in everyday life.

4. **Make the Kingdom definitions concrete.** Offer examples: surrendering a private habit, asking forgiveness at home, serving faithfully at church, or treating a coworker honestly and kindly.

5. **Help each person choose an achievable step.** Encourage a specific commitment such as, "I will apologize to my spouse tonight," or, "I will invite my neighbor to talk over coffee." Allow people to share only what they are comfortable sharing.

**2. Be on Your Guard**

**Read 2 Peter 3:15–18 and 2 Thessalonians 2:11–12.**

Peter warns that Scripture can be twisted and believers can be led away from their stability. Paul describes judgment upon those who reject the truth and delight in unrighteousness. These warnings call us to receive the truth humbly and keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

**Discussion questions**

1. **Peter says some people twist Scripture. What practices help us understand a passage faithfully and recognize when someone is misusing it?**

2. **Second Thessalonians connects rejecting truth with delighting in unrighteousness. How can wanting to justify a particular sin make someone more vulnerable to believing a lie?**

3. **What is one habit or relationship that would help you remain spiritually grounded and grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus?**

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1. **Teach a simple way to examine a biblical claim.** Encourage members to read the surrounding verses, consider the author's purpose and audience, and compare the interpretation with other clear biblical teaching. Popularity and confidence do not establish accuracy.

2. **Distinguish difficulty from distortion.** Peter acknowledges that some of Paul's writings are hard to understand. Honest questions and a willingness to learn differ from twisting Scripture to defend what we want to believe.

3. **Keep the warning in Thessalonians in context.** Paul describes judgment connected with rejecting truth; verse 10 also speaks of refusing to love the truth and be saved. Avoid suggesting that a sincere believer's confusion or unanswered question automatically indicates divine delusion.

4. **Encourage self-examination before criticism of others.** If the conversation becomes a list of disliked teachers or churches, redirect gently: "Where might we be tempted to explain away something Scripture asks of us?"

5. **Finish with Peter's positive command.** Being on guard includes growing in grace and knowing Jesus more deeply. Encourage regular Bible reading, prayer, faithful church participation, and relationships with mature believers who welcome questions and offer correction.

Invite each person to complete this sentence:

**"This week, I will respond to God's Word by _____."**

Keep responses brief, then pray:

"Lord Jesus, thank You for Your patience and Your promises. Help us receive Your Word, surrender every area of life to Your lordship, and recognize error. Grow us in Your grace and knowledge, and give us courage to obey You this week. Amen."

**Leader follow-up:** During the week, encourage members in the step they chose. Keep personal disclosures confidential and offer support with grace.



## Prayer

**Closing Prayer**