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Series: Home for Christmas
Part 1: Hope for Your Home
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1. What is your favorite Christmas carol/song and why?
2. What have you waited for with great anticipation?
3. When has waiting been difficult? How have you persevered when it seemed like God was silent?
4. Waiting seems like a motif (or theme) of life with God. What are some examples in scripture of God's people having to wait.
5. What good can come from waiting?
6. Who were the two people in the temple who had waited so long to see the coming Messiah? (**Simeon and Anna**) How do you think they recognized him when he was a baby, having done no miracles or spoken no words?
7. What are you waiting on the Lord for today?
8. Simeon said, "Sovereign Lord, . . . you may now dismiss your servant in peace, For my eyes have seen your salvation." How would you complete this sentence: Sovereign Lord, you may now dismiss me in peace, for my eyes have seen"
9. The word "Behold" is a complex and beautiful word. What must one do to truly behold Jesus, the Messiah?
10. What is the one-word definition Ted gave for waiting? (**Hope**)
11. If your group is open to it, Goggle Ortberg's "In Between Despair and Joy" and read about waiting.
12. What are some responses to waiting that Ted mentioned? (**rest, ask, whine, complain, trust.**) Any others? Which has described you in times of waiting?
13. Do you agree with G. K. Chesterton that "hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all."
14. It is the position of WHFC that "No person or situation is hopeless."
 - * What seems hopeless to you?
 - * Have you known of a "hopeless" person or situation that turned out not to be at all?