

WHAT our WORLD NEEDS NOW

Week 4: Patience

God has been incredibly patient with us. Maturing Christians grow to mirror the patience of their heavenly Father, furthering the transformation of becoming more Christlike.

Discussion Questions

1. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
2. Can you identify a time in your life when you tried to display patience based on your own effort and when you relied on God for patience? What was the outcome in each situation?
3. **Read 2 Peter 3:8-9** – What is the purpose of God's patience? – How does knowing the purpose of God's patience impact your perspective on how he feels about you? How does it change your perspective on dealing patiently with others around you?
4. **Read James 1:2-4 (From the “King James” or “New King James Version” if able.)**– Trials and difficult situations can test and produce *patience* and perseverance in believers, contributing to their spiritual maturity. Reflect on a challenging situation you have faced in your own life. How did it help develop patience in you and contribute to your spiritual growth?
5. The message emphasized that Christians are called to reflect the patience of God, as this is an important part of their transformation and growth in becoming more like Jesus. What are some practical ways you can actively reflect God's patience in your daily life, especially with difficult people or situations?
6. How can we practice patience during seasons of waiting? What are some specific actions you can take when you find yourself in a season of waiting to demonstrate the patience of Christ in your life?
7. What would a patience-filled version of you look like? How would your life be different?

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces patience. Let patience finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ~ James 1:2-4 NKJV