

Sermon Discussion Questions: "Walking With Patience"
Worthy Walk: How Jesus Shapes Our Treatment of Others

- **Introduction**
 - When do you find yourself most impatient in everyday life? What does that reveal about what you value or expect?
- **Read Ephesians 4:1-3** as a reminder of what this series is based on.
- **Read Romans 12:17-21**
 - What stands out to you most from this passage, and why?
 - Paul says to "repay no one evil for evil." Why do you think our instinct is so often to do exactly that—to match what was done to us? What does that instinct reveal about human nature?
 - What's the difference between forgiveness and forgetting? Why do you think people often confuse the two, and what damage can that confusion cause?
 - Paul says in verse 18, *"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."* What do you think the phrase "so far as it depends on you" is doing in that sentence? What responsibility does it place on us—and what does it release us from?
 - Reconciliation requires two people, but forgiveness only requires one. Have you found that distinction freeing or frustrating? Why?
 - What does it look like practically to show compassion to someone who has wronged you? Why is that so counterintuitive?
 - Paul closes with "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." How is patient, loving confrontation actually a form of *overcoming* evil rather than ignoring it?
- **Exodus 34:6** describes God as "slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."
 - How does understanding God's patience toward *you* personally change how you feel about extending patience to others?
 - Which of these four responses feels hardest for you right now — forgiveness, reconciliation, compassion, or humble confrontation? What do you think makes that one particularly difficult?
 - Is there a relationship in your life where you've been taking cues from the culture (avoiding, canceling, holding a grudge) rather than from the gospel? What would one small step toward a different response look like?