Small Group Discussion Guide
Series: Fruit of the Spirit

PATIENCE

Galatians 5:22–23

> *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.".*

Biblical patience is not passive waiting — it is Spirit-empowered endurance.

1. Wait for God

James 1:2–4

> *"Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

Waiting grows us.

Waiting requires:

- *Letting go of our timeline for God's timing*
- *Letting go of our plan for God's provision*
- *Letting go of control for God's covering*

> *"If the Lord makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts…" — Charles Spurgeon*

Psalms 130:5–6

Discussion Questions

1. *Where is God asking you to wait right now?*
2. *What part of waiting is hardest for you — timing, control, or uncertainty?*
3. *How has God used a past waiting season to mature you?*

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2. Endure Through Trials

10:32, 36–37

"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

Patience shows up in every season:

- *Patient in the pit*
- *Patient in pain*
- *Patient in the process*
- *Patient in promotion*
- *Patient in reconciliation*

Genesis 50:20

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good."

Discussion Questions

1. *Which season best describes your life right now?*
2. *What promise of God are you clinging to in this season?*

Key Truth
If we don't quit, we win.

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3. Forgive Each Other

Colossians 3:13

“Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Tim Keller said, “Forgiveness is a form of voluntary suffering.”

Forgiveness requires patience because healing takes time.

Hebrews 12:1–2

We run with perseverance by fixing our eyes on Jesus.

Focus on Who JESUS IS

Read: Psalms 86:15

“But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God…”

Focus on What JESUS Has Said

Read: Epistle to the Hebrews 10:23

“He who promised is faithful.”

Focus on What JESUS Has Done

Read: Psalms 130:1–4

“With you there is forgiveness…”

Discussion Questions

1. *Is there someone you need to forgive?*
2. *How does remembering how much you’ve been forgiven produce patience in you?*