

Message Based Questions - 2/23/20

Be Different: Part 4 PATIENCE

Verses: John 15:8, Galatians 5, James 1:5, James 5: 7-11, Hebrews 12:1-3

ICEBREAKER: What is your favorite fruit? OR What is the most unique fruit you've ever had?

What stands out to you from this message?

Think of places in Scripture where God made His people wait. What can you learn from them?

Think of a time (past or present) that God invites you to wait. Why might this be?

Look up Proverbs 14:29. What can be gained from being patient? How is patience developed?

James 5 gives us inspiration for developing everyday patience. Pastor Rick suggested we consider the following to grow in this area:

- Surrender the need to be in control
- Create margin in our lives
- Consider our identity - is it based on what we do or in Christ?
- Honor the Sabbath

Is there one that you'd like to try?

Are you in a season of enduring patience? Share briefly with your group as you are willing. Look at Hebrews 12:1-3 for encouragement on how to suffer well.

What is one thing you will do to apply this message and discussion?

Close in prayer as a group:

Teach us, Jesus! Grow us through our times of waiting to look and think and act more like You. May You use our time of suffering to encourage others around us. Help us as a group to carry one another's burdens (pause and lift up specifics requests). Grow Your Fruit in our lives! In the powerful and precious name of Jesus we pray, AMEN!