



This is The Way, Week 7, Cultivating Peace

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read the following scripture passages:

- Galatians 6:9 - Matthew 18:21-22 - Proverbs 14:29
- Proverbs 16:32 - James 5:7-12

1. What rewards come from being patient/longsuffering?
2. What activities or actions demonstrate Biblical patience/longsuffering?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. This message offered three practical steps toward cultivating patience:
 - *Trust God to make things right.*
 - *Love people regardless [of whether or not they deserve it].*
 - *Bank on God's goodness.*

Which of these three practical steps seems easier or more intuitive for you? Why?
Which of these three practical steps is more difficult?

4. This message offered a helpful definition and a Greek translation of Biblical patience:
 - *The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.*
 - *Greek word for patience: macro (long) + thumeo (anger). Often translated “longsuffering.”*

In what area of your life do you need God to produce more patience?
What would it look like for you to work with or cooperate with God in this pursuit?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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