



THE POWER OF PATIENCE



SMALL GROUP
MEMBER GUIDE





SESSION ONE

THE NEED FOR PATIENCE

OVERVIEW:

LIKE MOSES, WE ENDURE BY KEEPING
OUR GAZE ON GOD AND HIS FUTURE
FOR US, LETTING THAT VISION
SHAPE HOW WE LIVE NOW.

KEY SCRIPTURES

³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

³⁷ "For in just a little while,
the Coming One will come and not delay.

³⁸ And my righteous ones will live by faith.
But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away."

HEBREWS 10:36-38 (NLT)



KEY POINTS

LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND; FOCUS ON THE BIGGER FUTURE GOD HAS FOR YOU.

YOUR FUTURE VISION SHOULD FILTER YOUR PRESENT DECISIONS.

KEEP YOUR GAZE (NOT JUST A GLANCE) FIXED ON GOD.

GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE IS FOR AN APPOINTED TIME,
PATIENCE IS ESSENTIAL.

DISCUSSION



1 Why do you think patience is so difficult in our culture today?

2 Can you share a time impatience caused you to miss out on something God had for you?

3 How might patience strengthen your walk with God in this season?

ACTION STEP:

IDENTIFY ONE AREA IN YOUR LIFE WHERE IMPATIENCE IS HOLDING YOU BACK. PRAY DAILY FOR ENDURANCE IN THAT AREA.

PRAYER FOCUS:

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU PERSEVERE SO YOU CAN FULFILL HIS WILL AND RECEIVE HIS PROMISES.



SESSION TWO

PATIENCE COMES FROM KNOWING GOD

OVERVIEW:

PATIENCE GROWS WHEN WE FOCUS ON GOD'S CHARACTER, HIS PROMISES, HIS PLAN, AND HIS TIMING.

KEY SCRIPTURES

³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

HEBREWS 10:36 (NLT)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (KJV)



KEY POINTS

GOD'S CHARACTER (FAITHFUL, GOOD, MIGHTY) BUILDS OUR PATIENCE.

GOD'S PROMISES ARE UNBREAKABLE; BELIEVING THEM STRENGTHENS US.

GOD'S PLAN IS ALWAYS FOR OUR GOOD, EVEN WHEN UNSEEN.

GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT – IT RARELY MATCHES OURS, BUT IT'S ALWAYS RIGHT.

DISCUSSION



1 Which attribute of God most encourages your patience?

2 How can you remind yourself daily of God's promises?

3 In what area do you need to surrender your timing to God?

ACTION STEP:

CHOOSE ONE PROMISE FROM SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATE ON IT
DAILY THIS WEEK.

PRAYER FOCUS:

THANK GOD FOR HIS PERFECT PLAN AND TIMING IN YOUR LIFE.



SESSION THREE

LET YOUR FUTURE FILTER YOUR PRESENT

OVERVIEW:

LIKE MOSES, WE ENDURE BY KEEPING OUR GAZE ON GOD AND HIS FUTURE FOR US, LETTING THAT VISION SHAPE HOW WE LIVE NOW.

KEY SCRIPTURES

²⁷ [Motivated] by faith he left Egypt behind him, being unawed and undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched but held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible.

HEBREWS 11:27 (AMP)

³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

HABAKKUK 2:3 (KJV)



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GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE IS FOR AN APPOINTED TIME,
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DISCUSSION



1 What's one area of your past you need to stop looking back at?

2 How can your God-given future change how you live today?

3 What does “gazing at God” look like for you practically?

ACTION STEP:

WRITE DOWN A GOD-CENTERED VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE.
PLACE IT SOMEWHERE YOU’LL SEE DAILY.

PRAYER FOCUS:

ASK GOD FOR CLARITY AND FOCUS ON HIS VISION FOR YOUR LIFE.



SESSION FOUR

THE POWER OF THE RIGHT PEOPLE

OVERVIEW:

THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU IMPACT YOUR
PATIENCE, FAITH, AND ABILITY TO
INHERIT GOD'S PROMISES.

KEY SCRIPTURES

¹² That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

HEBREWS 6:12 (KJV)

¹² **So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but** follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised

HEBREWS 6:12 (PASSION)

¹² In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.

HEBREWS 6:12 (AMP)



KEY POINTS

FAITH AND PATIENCE WORK TOGETHER ("BIBLE TWINS").

WE IMITATE THE HABITS OF THOSE WE'RE AROUND.

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS INSPIRE PERSEVERANCE;
WRONG ONES BREED IMPATIENCE.

WE NEED ROLE MODELS TO REACH THE NEXT LEVEL.

DISCUSSION



1 Who in your life inspires your faith and patience?

2 How have relationships influenced your spiritual endurance?

3 What qualities should you look for in people you allow in your inner circle?

ACTION STEP:

THIS WEEK, SPEND INTENTIONAL TIME WITH SOMEONE WHOSE FAITH AND PATIENCE YOU ADMIRE.

PRAYER FOCUS:

PRAY FOR DISCERNMENT IN BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT STRENGTHEN YOUR WALK WITH GOD.



SESSION FIVE

BUILDING TRUST IN GOD

OVERVIEW:

PATIENCE GROWS WHEN WE PLACE
ABSOLUTE TRUST IN GOD'S POWER,
WISDOM, AND GOODNESS, NOT IN
PEOPLE OR CIRCUMSTANCES.

KEY SCRIPTURES

¹² In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.

HEBREWS 6:12 (AMP)



KEY POINTS

TRUST IS BUILT BY FOCUSING ON GOD'S:

— POWER: HE IS ABLE.

— WISDOM: HE KNOWS BEST.

— GOODNESS: HE HAS YOUR BEST INTEREST AT HEART.

THE LAW OF ASSOCIATION STILL APPLIES, THE RIGHT PEOPLE HELP
REINFORCE TRUST IN GOD.

SELECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS LEAD TO EFFECTIVE LIVING.

DISCUSSION



- 1 Which of God's attributes (power, wisdom, goodness, etc.) do you need to focus on most right now?

- 2 What's one way you can remind yourself daily of God's goodness?

- 3 Are there relationships in your life that undermine your trust in God?

ACTION STEP:

CREATE A "GOD'S GOODNESS" JOURNAL, WRITE DOWN WAYS YOU SEE HIS POWER, WISDOM, AND GOODNESS THIS WEEK.

PRAYER FOCUS:

THANK GOD FOR HIS POWER, WISDOM, AND GOODNESS, AND ASK HIM TO DEEPEN YOUR TRUST IN HIM.



SESSION SIX

PATIENCE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

OVERVIEW:

PATIENCE IS STRENGTHENED BY OBEDIENCE AND SURRENDER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. HIS PRESENCE GROWS THE FRUIT OF PATIENCE IN OUR LIVES.

KEY SCRIPTURES

¹⁶ But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).

²² But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,

²³ Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward [c]walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]

GALATIANS 5:16, 22-25 (AMP)



KEY POINTS

IMPATIENCE IS OFTEN A SIGN WE'RE NOT BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HABITS SHAPE OUR CHARACTER; HABITS OF SPIRIT-LED LIVING PRODUCE PATIENCE.

IN GOD'S PRESENCE, PATIENCE GROWS.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SHOWS WHEN WE'RE WALKING WITH HIM.

DISCUSSION



1 How can you become more aware of the Holy Spirit's leading in daily life?

2 What habit can you start to cultivate greater patience?

3 How does worship or time in God's presence affect your patience?

ACTION STEP:

SPEND AT LEAST 15 MINUTES DAILY THIS WEEK IN INTENTIONAL WORSHIP AND LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

PRAYER FOCUS:

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD AND GUIDE YOU, PRODUCING PATIENCE IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE.