

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PATIENCE WITH PEOPLE

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHO IS PATIENCE FOR?
2. WHAT DOES PATIENCE LOOK LIKE?
3. HOW DO WE GROW IN PATIENCE?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. Do people describe you as patient? Why or why not?
3. In 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 we see that to be patient means to be slow to boil over or long of hot anger. We also see that patience is not passively waiting for someone difficult to go away. Patience is active, personal and painful. What about this definition of patience is new to you?
4. Who in your life could fit into each of the three categories of people we see in 1 Thess. 5:14-15 (idle, fainthearted or weak)? What would it look like for you to be patient with each of those people in a specific, personal way?
5. Pastor Anthony provided some practical steps for us to grow in patience. **1)** Take a nap **2)** Place your faith in God, not people **3)** Look forward to eternity. Which one can you implement this week? What is your plan to implement this step?
6. Where have you personally benefited from the patience of other people? How would you describe the patience God has with you?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: We should be patient because our God has been unimaginably patient with us.