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A Study on Patience

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Session 1
Waiting for You
Psalm 103:8-10; 2 Peter 3:8-9,15

THE QUESTION

How does God show patience?

THE POINT

God waits for people to come to Him.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > What is it that tests your patience the most? Why?
- > How would you define patience?
- > In what ways does God show patience toward you?
- > Why is it important for us to know that God is slow in His anger toward us?
- > In what ways does the fact that God waits for people to come to Him show patience?
- > Who do you know to whom God is showing patience as He waits for them to come to Him?

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Session 2
Waiting on God
Psalm 25:1-5

THE QUESTION

What does it mean to wait for the Lord?

THE POINT

God will work out His plan in your life in His time.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > Do you like to wait? Why or why not?
- > What is the longest thing you have had to wait on? How did it test your patience?
- > In what ways do we wait on God?
- > How often do you look to God for help when you are waiting?
- > What does it mean to put your trust in God?
- > What are some practical ways you can put your trust in God?
- > Why is it important to follow God's plan for our lives?

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Session 3

Waiting a While

Proverbs 14:29; Psalm 130:5-6; Psalm 27:13-14

THE QUESTION

What are the qualities of a patient person?

THE POINT

Patience displays itself in our actions and attitudes.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > What does it mean to be understanding?
- > In what ways does being understanding help us to be patient?
- > How important is being hopeful?
- > In what ways is God a source of hope for you right now?
- > Why is it important to base our hope on God and His Word?
- > Why is confidence an important part of being a patient person?
- > What are some reasons we can have confidence in God?

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Session 4

Waiting for Others

Romans 15:1-6

THE QUESTION

Why should I be patient in relationships?

THE POINT

We need to do things in the right way, at the right time.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > How often do you have to wait for others?
- > In what ways does waiting for others test your patience?
- > What does it mean to build someone up?
- > When was the last time you affirmed someone? What did it do for them? for you?
- > What difference does building someone up make in relationships?
- > How can we glorify God in our relationships?