

Fruit of the Spirit Series

Discussion Notes

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PATIENCE – Ryan Bedwell



God is Patient

- Throughout the Word of God, we learn that God is patient and that patience is in the core of His character.
- Exodus 34:6 - "And he [God] passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness..."
- Romans 5:6 - "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."

Notes:

- Patience is something that is regularly asked of us in daily life.
- Ever since we were created in our mother's womb, we have been learning how to be patient with others and with our situations.
- Also, the people that we encounter every day are learning how to be patient with us.
- Patience is evident in our lives because it is the character of God being revealed through our lives.
- If we live surrendered to God, patience will mark our lives.
- When we allow the Spirit to give us patience, we can pass that patience on and be an example of the character of God.
- Others can see Jesus on how we are patient with one another.
- Patience is the result of the work of the Spirit in our lives.
- When we cultivate the Spirit in our lives, we open up opportunity to help others cultivate the Spirit in their lives too.

Discussion Questions:

- How do you personally deal with situations or people that test your patience?
- In what ways can you be patient in those times of testing?
- How do you feel when others are patient with you? Or when they are impatient with you?
- How do we rely on the Spirit for patience instead of trying to do it from our own strength?
- Do you live in a way that is surrendered to God so that His character can be reflected in you?
- Our world is a fast-moving place. How do we go against the culture and have patience in our every day tasks?
- In what ways can you show patience to others in order for God to be glorified in you?