

LHCF Sermon Discussion Guide

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Love is Patient 40 Days of Love – Part 5

1. Why we struggle with patience?

- Long held false beliefs

“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he...” prov. 23:7 (NKJV)

“It wasn't so long ago that we ourselves were stupid and stubborn, dupes of sin, ordered every which way by our glands, going around with a chip on our shoulder, hated and hating back.” Titus 3:3 (MSG)

- Arrested development

“It's like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things.” 1 Cor. 13:11 (TLB)

2. How to be more patient with people

- Remember God's patience with you

*(Paul) “I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst sinner, Christ might display his unlimited patience.”
1 Tim. 1:16 (NIV)*

*“Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you.”
Rom. 15:7 (NIV)*

- **Relax** in your troubles

“My brothers and sisters, when you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy, because you know that these troubles test your faith, and this will give you patience. Let your patience show itself perfectly in what you do. Then you will be perfect and complete and will have everything you need.” James 1:2-4 (NCV)

- **Refill** with God's Spirit daily

“But if you are led by the Spirit...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Gal. 5:18, 22-23 (NIV)

- **Realize** that others are not like you

*“God works through different people in different ways.”
1 Cor. 12:6 (PH)*

“No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like, except that person himself.” 1 Cor. 2:11 (LB)

Small Group Life: Our Small Groups are all using the “40 Days of Love” Workbook and Video-Based Study by Rick Warren for this 6 part series.

What actions can you begin to take to help reveal God’s plan for your life? Pray about making a commitment to join and become actively involved in one our LHCF Small Groups.