

You're Gonna Need Some Patience
James 5:7-12

BE PATIENT:

"... until _____"

THE TIMES WE NEED PATIENCE THE MOST:

When Circumstances Are _____
Learn a lesson from _____

When _____
Learn a lesson from the _____

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Learn a lesson from _____

IN THE MEANTIME, (Until Jesus Returns)

- **Continue to live in faith _____**
- **_____ God's plan**
- **Find _____**

Small Group Discussion Guide

One of the keys to keeping our effectiveness and patience is keeping our reputation and character intact. Psalm 112 reads like a grocery list of the actions and character qualities of a righteous man or woman with the kind of character God calls us to have. As you read through this Psalm, use your own words to make a list of all the actions, character qualities, and blessings you can identify. Are there any you want to further develop and make sure you don't forget?

Being discouraged or frustrated doesn't necessarily mean we are not being patient. In fact, all too often we think we have to just be positive to show we're remaining faithful. Psalm 77 shows how we can be real about what's going on and what we think in the midst of a tough situation and still remain faithful and patient. After reading Psalm 77, jot down a few of your own thoughts and/or emotions about a tough season in your life or a test you've encountered. Also try to include anything you can think of that God has done for you.

It was mentioned that we could all benefit by getting to know the heroes of faith from the pages of Scripture. Who are some of your heroes of faith, who set a good example through their faithfulness and perseverance?

One other way to remain faithful while waiting for the Lord to return is to remember God's faithfulness to his people. Psalm 105 is one of the places that reminds us of that.

Why do you think the psalmist begins by inviting people to respond to God in particular ways (verses 1-5)?

Which of those responses come most naturally to you? Which of them do you struggle with?

Verse 5 say to , "Remember the wondrous works he has done". In what ways have you seen God working in your life and in the lives of the people in your group?