

small groups

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GROUP STUDY | Week of 05.01.16

In what areas do you tend to be impatient? What is normally the result of being impatient in any of these areas?

MEMORIZE

Psalm 130:5

*I wait for the Lord, my
whole being waits; and in
His word I put my hope.*

What's the difference between being in a hurry and being impatient?

BIG IDEA

*The key to being
patient is trust.*

In conjunction with this week's message, we are viewing a brief clip of Theologian Stanley Hauerwas' teaching on patience: <https://vimeo.com/97251750>. Watch the clip and comment on what he says is really at the root of our impatience.

Is impatience sin? Read today's text in James 5:7-9 and use this text as the basis of your response.

Our small groups have studied about (and hopefully practiced) Sabbath this year. How does the discipline of Sabbath help us develop the virtue of patience?

When you get impatient, busy, and in a hurry during the week, what gets pushed aside?

Watch Christian counselor Julie Lowe's brief video on patience: <https://vimeo.com/47894625>. She comments that God develops us into better people while we wait...that it is part of our sanctification. What is "sanctification," and how is patience an important part of my formation as a disciple?

APPLY

Practice trusting God through waiting. Write this prayer somewhere you will see it, and recite it multiple times each day this week:

Lord, remind me that You have given me all the time in the world to accomplish what is most important.