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Baptist Church

Small Group Curriculum
May 25th, 2025
Are you serious?

Getting-to-know-you questions:

For a new group: Who is someone that impresses you with their patience?	For an established group: What makes you most impatient?
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From the Message:

- 1) Does it seem unfair to you that God promised Abraham and Sarah a child and then made them wait 25 years before that child was born? Why or Why not?
- 2) How can remembering who we are waiting on influence our attitudes in the waiting.
- 3) Share about what God is doing in your life right now. How does that encourage you in the areas you are still waiting for Him?
- 4) How can you defend against the urge to take things into your own hands as you wait for God?

Read:

James 5:7-11

And Or

Watch:

How to Practice Patience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgAECQyJiSI&t=2s>

Discuss from the readings:

James uses three words for patience in this passage. The first is in 7,8 and means, "To look with anticipation" or "to wait expectantly." The second is in verse 10 and means, "to take a long time to get heated." The third is in verse 11, and means, "to remain up under a pressure." In light of these definitions, discuss the following:

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- 2) How can God's faithfulness in the past help us be patient with our present situation?
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Prayer:

- 1) Pray that we would continue to be obedient in our waiting.
- 2) Pray that we would let God shelter us in the waiting.