

## **August 27, 2023 - All You Need is Love! Love is Patient and Love is Kind**

Feel free to pick and choose some of the questions below to engage with together as a group. Be sure to spend some time going over the Top 3 things your group members need to know.

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### **Connect:**

“We often live life between irritation and indignation.”

Of these two, do you find yourself most often frequently irritated or deeply angry?

### **Engage:**

**Read Psalm 27:14, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 2:4**

Our view of patience changes when we remember that God is perfectly patient.

Have you ever been frustrated with God’s patience and the detours and delays that He’s sent your way?

How has encountering God’s patience grown or challenged your faith?

Robert defined patience as “the capacity to live gladly in the current season when we would rather not.”

Would other people describe you as patient? Why or why not?

Would other people describe you as relaxed? Why or why not?

Robert shared Dallas Willard’s commentary that “Jesus was relaxed.”

In what ways do you see the life of Jesus as a relaxed life?

When was a time in your life that you weren’t patient and wish you were?

When was a time in your life when you demonstrated great patience and were glad that you did?

Robert gave us two ways to exercise patience:

Understanding (Proverbs 14:29, 1 Peter 3:7)

- Are you guilty of quickly jumping to conclusions and acting in impatience?
- In what ways do you think your lack of understanding of what someone else is going through has led you to be impatient?

Abiding (John 15:5)

- When your way of doing things doesn’t work, what do you most often think and feel?
- Share a story from when you encountered an issue and were blessed by communing with God in a difficult time.

### **Apply:**

What is one opportunity you need to take this week to demonstrate Christ-like patience?

What is one opportunity you need to take this week to demonstrate Christ-like kindness?

What is one opportunity you need to take to better abide in the patience and kindness of God?

### **Top 3:**

#### **One Service Sunday | September 3 @ 9:30am**

We'll worship together in one service this upcoming Sunday, September 3 at 9:30 am. We'll resume our regular rhythm of two services at 9:30 am and 11 am the following Sunday, September 10.

#### **Serve Day | September 23**

Serve Day is a day when people from Fondren Church serve alongside ministries all over the Jackson-Metro. We have ways for people of all ages and abilities to make a difference together. More info and registration coming soon!

#### **Membership Class | September 24 after the 11am Worship Service**

Membership is a way for our church leadership and church members to make promises to one another as we seek God's best for Fondren Church together. The first step in becoming a member is to attend a membership class. In the class, you'll learn more about the history of our church, our leadership structures, and the ways we promise to care for you as a church member. You can sign up and get more information at [fondrenchurch.com/events](http://fondrenchurch.com/events).