

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. Jonah was one flawed individual who God used to change a nation. Where is God exercising His patience with you right now? What might happen if you obey?

11. As we grow in our relationship with Christ, He makes us more like Him. Is there a relationship where you need to model godly patience? What about our relationships in this group?

12. What can you do to be more consistently aware of the kindness and patience God has shown you? How might such an awareness change the way you relate to the lost people God has placed in your life?

Prayer Requests

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Encounters with God May 14, 2017
The Committed Fanatics Acts 9:1-31

How God Transforms a S_____ Fanatic

The Persevering P_____ . . .

1 Timothy 1:15-16
2Peter 3:8-10
Romans 2:4-5

Luke 19:10
Matthew 9:12-13

. . . Redeems and R_____ a Persevering P_____

Galatians 1:13-21

2Corinthians 11:24-27
Philippians 4:11-13

What do I need to do with what I've heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Describe a time when you struggled to learn something (a subject in school, a new skill, etc.). How did your teacher or instructor show you patience?

2. What does it feel like to need the patience of others? What often makes this an unpleasant place to be in?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Jonah is a well-known story. Briefly review what happens in the first two chapters. Who were the Ninevites, and why was Jonah so reluctant to go to them? How did God show patience with Jonah early on?

READ JONAH 3:1-10

4. What was the result of Jonah's eventual obedience to God? What can we expect when we are obedient to God's call?

5. Describe a time when God had to exercise His patience with you. What did you learn about Him throughout the process? What did you learn about yourself?

6. Look again at verse 10. What does "God relented" mean? What does this action mean for us today?

READ JONAH 4:1-11

7. Jonah reacted strongly to God's mercy and patience toward the Ninevites (v. 1), but look at how he also described God in verse 2. Why is patience such an important aspect of God's character?

8. What lesson did God teach Jonah through the vine?

9. How would you answer God's question in verse 11? What steps do you need to take to come around to God's way of loving and showing patience to the lost?