



Show Me Your Glory – Patient

July 14 | Group Guide

Read Exodus 34:6-7 and open with a question (10 minutes).

In this sermon, Dan centered our teaching time on how God abounds in patience. He is “slow to anger.” Read Exodus 34:6-7 and then reflect on the following question to get things started:

Would you consider yourself a patient person? Yes or no? Explain.

Break into smaller groups to read and discuss Scripture (25 minutes).

Take a few moments to read Scripture and answer some questions:

- In each small group, have one of the following portions of Judges divided up so that each group reads a different section. Your goal as a smaller group will be to do four things: (1) Read your section of Judges; (2) Note how God’s patience is displayed; (3) Prepare a “report” for when you come back to your whole group of what happened and how God was patient with his people; and (4) converse about a particular “takeaway” that you have as a result of reading this passage.

Here are some of the sections:

- Judges 1-2
- Judges 3
- Judges 4

- Judges 6-8
 - Judges 10
 - Judges 13
- If you have time remaining before coming back together as a large group, take a few moments to read the following passages and note the connotations they have for our understanding of God's patience: Nehemiah 9:30; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:16.

Come back together as a large group for discussion (30 minutes).

There are several questions here. Take a look at all of them below and pick the ones you think will best fit your group time!

- Share your report on God's patience with your group. Take turns sharing which section of Judges you read, what happened in your section of Scripture, how your group saw God's patience on display *in* that section of Scripture, and any takeaways you are sensing from the text. Be sure to note any differences and similarities between your groups as you all share!
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned the cycle of sin that the Israelites fell into during the time of Judges looked something like this:
 - Rejection of God
 - Reap the consequences
 - Repent
 - Rescue
 - Restoration
 - Relapse

In what ways have you seen this cycle at work in your own life regarding certain sin patterns? *You might ask things like, "Where does rejection of God keep happening? What consequences do you keep reaping? Where does your repentance stem from? Why do you keep relapsing do you think?"*

- Would you say you experience God as being "slow to anger" with you? Why or why not? What questions or barriers exist that keep you from experiencing God as patient?

- In his sermon, Dan mentioned four key areas God displays his patience with us: (1) In our ignorance; (2) In our immaturity; (3) In our sin; and (4) In our rejection of him. Which of these resonates with you most?
- In what ways are you struggling to be patient with family, friends, etc.? How might you remedy this? How does God's patience to you via the gospel give you the strength to be patient with others?

Pray (10 minutes).

Like each week, spend time in prayer asking for God to show you more of his nature and character throughout this series. Specifically, ask for more of an awareness of God's patience in your life. And pray for God's help in being patient towards others in your own life.

Finish with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotionals available to help you more deeply dive into God's character! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.
2. Finish your group session with prayer requests.