

SUMMER OF FRUIT—PATIENCE Community Group Questions
Genesis 37:1-10, Genesis 41:46, 1 Timothy 1:12-16, Colossians 3:12-13

1—How have you seen the Lord working in your life this past week? What is He teaching you in your current season?

2—Read **Exodus 34:6-7**. What comes to mind when you realize that God introduced himself as, “slow to anger”? When you realize he said this while his people were betraying him by building a golden calf to worship, how does that deepen the impact of God’s patience? How does this shape how you view patience?

3—The word used for *slow to anger* in Exodus 34 means “long nose” (this refers to how our breath shortens and our nostrils flare when we are frustrated, angry, or impatient) and the word used for *patience* in Galatians 5 means “long tempered”. Where do you need to grow in lengthening your temper? In what situations do you find yourself quick to anger or short tempered?

4—In **Genesis 50:20**, Joseph realizes that what his brothers meant for evil by throwing him in a pit, God used for good. What might God be doing right now in a season of waiting for you? What can you do to take more notice of where God is present in your season?

5—Which of Sunday’s points best resonates with you?

- The root of Christian patience is that God was first patient with us
- Joseph found where he could join God at work in every season
- Joseph allowed God to be at work in him
- Patience with God grows into patience with people
- Patience is proven in hindsight

6— Which of Sunday’s action points best resonate with you?

- Maintain your character, even when it looks like it isn’t working
- Get curious about where God is at work
- Know that it’s okay to grieve
- Let the waiting soften your heart

7—What are you hearing from the Lord in these verses? How can you apply these verses to your life?