

Sermon Questions

2 Peter 3:1-10

“Our Patient God”

1. What stood out to you from this week’s sermon?
2. Please read Psalm 27 together. Pastor Jim opened his sermon with the common refrain from the Psalms, “how long, O Lord?” After reading this Psalm, how can we be confident in God’s faithfulness even while we ask, “how long?” Share an experience with the group when God asked you to wait for His timing.
3. As believers, we are often asked by God to wait and be patient, but Peter wrote in our passage for this week (2 Peter 3:1-10) that we are to remember that God too is patient. Please read 2 Peter 3:8-9 to obtain a glimpse of God’s patience. Please read the following passages as well, and discuss how God’s patience is displayed in our lives: Exodus 34:4-6; Psalm 103:7-12; Joel 2:12-13.
4. In Peter’s writing, God’s patience manifests itself visibly with regard to Christ’s return. Pastor Jim shared with us that there are two perspectives on His return, that of us as believers and that of God. Take some time and discuss how we as believers tend to view Christ’s return as being about us, how our suffering will be over and how we will finally get to enjoy God’s kingdom. How is this different than God’s perspective?
5. The fact that God is patient, hoping that many will come into his kingdom and that his children will look more and more like Christ also reveals his kindness. Read Jer. 31:3; Acts 14:15-18; Rom. 2:4 and Titus 3:3-5. Discuss what you observe as a result of the kindness of God.
6. Pastor Jim mentioned that God’s timing is not our timing. We know God is patient. The question is will we be patient with God even in the midst of our suffering? Read Psalm 46:1; 145:18; Proverbs 18:10; and Matthew 28:20b. How do these verses encourage you in your waiting upon God?
7. Take some time to pray together. Pray for those you know who are far from Christ. Pray that they may draw near to God and accept the love God has for them in Christ. Also pray for endurance and steadfastness as we wait on the Lord. Ask God for strength and patience as we wait upon him.