

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 9, 2017

This Week's Focus: God's patience toward us is revealed on the cross, where Jesus endured the suffering we deserve; and his patience continues until the day he will return and judge the world.

This Week's Text: Galatians 5:22-23; Exodus 34:6-7; Colossians 3:12-14; 2 Peter 3:9-10

"And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'" **Luke 23:33-34**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What is Paul's purpose for writing his letter to the Galatians? (Galatians 1:6-7) What false gospel were the Judaizers spreading? What is the difference between a morally restrained heart relying on the law and a supernaturally renewed heart resting in the sufficiency of Christ's work?
- What is patience? Who alone perfectly models patience? (Exodus 34:6-7) Why is God patient toward sinners? (2 Peter 3:9-10) Is his patience indefinite? Why or why not?
- Is patience a natural human quality (i.e. personality trait or temperament) or is it a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit?
- How does impatience manifest itself in your life (e.g. quick-temperedness, seething, withholding forgiveness, enacting vengeance, etc.)?
- What are some recommendations that the world offers to achieve patience? Are they helpful or transformative?
- How is patience related to forgiveness and love? (Colossians 3:12-14) Discuss how the gospel teaches us patience and cultivates patience in our hearts.
- Discuss the following statement: "Patience is grounded on a composure that comes from being entirely satisfied with God's will and pleasure." How is our patience connected to the call to live on mission?