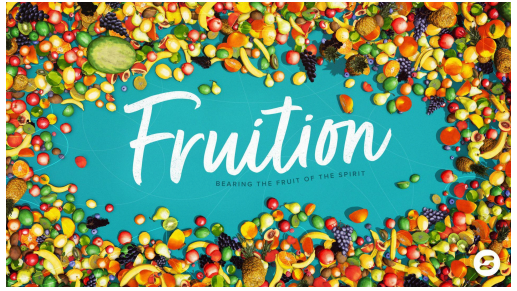


# STUDY GUIDE

August 4

## STAY IN THE LOOP

*Announcements*



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## START WITH PRAYER

*Use this Prayer Prompt*

Thank God for giving us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weaknesses. Ask God to give us love, grace and patience with others and ourselves.

## STUDY THE BIBLE

*Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:*

Galatians 5:22-23

Romans 12:12

## STIR UP DISCUSSION

*How does this week's teaching affect me personally?*

1. Think about a recent situation where you struggled with patience. What triggered your impatience? How did you respond, and what were the consequences of your response? How could you have handled the situation differently?
2. Throughout the Bible, we see numerous instances of God's patience with His people, such as with the Israelites in the wilderness or with individuals like Jonah. Why do you think God consistently shows patience even when people repeatedly disobey or doubt Him? How does God's patience inspire us in our own struggles with patience?
3. What practical steps can you take to cultivate a "long temper"?

in your daily life? How can relying on the Holy Spirit help you develop patience in moments when you feel tested?

4. Think of someone in your life who challenges your patience. What might be the underlying reasons for their behavior that you haven't considered before? How can understanding their perspective or circumstances help you respond to them with the patience that reflects Christ's love and grace?
5. Share a personal experience where you had to wait patiently for God's timing in your life. How did that experience deepen your trust in God? What encouragement can you give to others who are currently in a season of waiting and struggling with impatience?

## **STEP INTO ACTION**

*Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.*

1. *If you are in the midst of a season of waiting, remember that God's plan is greater than anything we could imagine.*
2. *When we give our lives to Him and are faithful in prayer, He will work through us in incredible ways. God does not withhold good things from us.*
3. *Don't try and be the Holy Spirit.* There is going to be a time when you reach your limit. Rely on the Holy Spirit.