

Message Response Questions

Weekend of 8/19/23-8/20/2023

Ice Breaker: What's a movie that will always make you laugh?

[PRAY]

1. People in the world tend to live their lives wanting to always be happy, yet Christian started with the statement, "Life is hard". Are there benefits in keeping this perspective about life? How do we keep this perspective without becoming pessimistic?
2. When are you impatient? What are some common results of being impatient?
3. The more productive and efficient we are, the less we wait. Agricultural and rural society is used to waiting. How can we reprogram our brains/bodies that waiting is not a bad thing?
4. Christian said that something is out of whack within us if we can't wait well. That impatience is basically saying, "I can't trust You (God), so I'll take it from here." Do you agree? How does this change your perspective on impatience?
5. We trust in our self-sufficiency. What areas do you tend toward self-sufficiency?
6. What difference should it make knowing that Jesus co-suffers with us (has compassion on us)?
7. The Enemy wants us to forget our compassionate God. How do we be more like Jesus and trust our good Father and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
8. Patience is a fruit. It's a result of how you live your life over time (long suffering). In other words, we don't aim to be more patient, but instead we aim to become the type of person where patience naturally comes out of us (like fruit from a tree). The answer isn't more patience, it's to trust God.
 - What could your life look like if you were a person known by your patience?

Bonus: REALITY CHECK – We all need prayer daily! Why is it quiet when prayer requests are asked?

High Challenge: Hard candy illustration