New Vision Church Sister 2 Sister DEEP DIVE Discussion and Prayer

Monday, August 18, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

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📖 Bible Study: “The Patience of God”

Main Verse: 2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) “The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.”

⏰ Total Time: 45 Minutes

**🔍 SECTION 1: CONTEXT & BACKGROUND (10 minutes)**
📜 Who is Peter?
• Name: Simon (renamed Peter by Jesus - “rock”)
• Occupation: Fisherman, later a disciple and apostle of Jesus
• Key Moments:
• Walked on water (Matthew 14:29)
• Denied Jesus three times (Luke 22:61)
• Preached at Pentecost (Acts 2)
• Leader in the early church
• Death: Believed to be martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero (circa AD 64–68), possibly crucified upside down

🏛️ Background of 2 Peter:
• Date Written: Around AD 65–68 (possibly shortly before Peter’s death)
• Audience: Believers facing false teachings and mockery, especially regarding Christ’s second coming
• Purpose: To remind Christians of:
• The certainty of Christ’s return
• God’s promises and patience
• The importance of holy living
• Warning against false teachers and scoffers

🌍 Cultural Context:
• Early Christians were under Roman persecution, especially under Nero
• False teachers were rising, denying Christ’s return
• Believers were growing impatient, wondering why Jesus hadn’t come back
• Society around them was growing more immoral and hostile to Christian beliefs

**📖 SECTION 2: SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN (15 minutes)**
🔄 2 Peter 3:9 Phrase-by-Phrase
1. “The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise…”
• The “promise” refers to Jesus’ second coming and the final judgment
• To human eyes, it may feel delayed—but God’s timeline is not ours (see 2 Peter 3:8)
2. “as some people think.”
• Scoffers (3:3-4) doubted God’s promises because of the delay
• Even believers were tempted to doubt or lose hope
3. “No, he is being patient for your sake.”
• God’s patience is not indifference; it’s purposeful
• His long-suffering nature gives people time to turn to Him
4. “He does not want anyone to be destroyed…”
• Reflects God’s heart for humanity—He takes no pleasure in judgment (Ezekiel 18:23)
• “Destroyed” here implies eternal separation from God
5. “but wants everyone to repent.”
• God’s desire is that all come to repentance
• Repentance = a change of mind and direction, turning from sin to God

**🧠 SECTION 3: REFLECTION & APPLICATION (10 minutes)**
✨ Key Takeaways:
• God’s patience is love, not delay
• He gives people opportunities to repent
• He desires salvation for all, not judgment
• This verse shows a balance between God’s justice and mercy

✅ Personal Reflection Questions:
1. Do I view God’s “delays” as neglect—or patience?
2. Am I living in expectation of Christ’s return—or have I grown numb to it?
3. Who in my life has not yet repented—and how can I show them God’s love and truth?
4. What does repentance look like in my life right now?
5. How does understanding God’s patience change my view of His character?

**💬 SECTION 4: GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (10 minutes)**1. Why do you think some people mock or doubt the return of Christ today?
2. How does this verse challenge how we view time and urgency in spiritual matters?
3. What does God’s patience say about His love for even the wicked or those far from Him?
4. How should this verse shape how we talk to non-believers or those who have fallen away?
5. In what ways can we model God’s patience toward others?

🙏 Closing Prayer (Optional - 2 minutes)

Suggested Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your incredible patience. Thank You for not giving up on us, even when we doubt or wander. Help us to live with urgency, not out of fear, but from a deep love for You and others. Stir our hearts with hope and compassion for the lost. May we reflect Your grace and truth every day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

📚 Suggested Cross-References (Optional Reading):
• Romans 2:4 – God’s kindness leads to repentance
• Ezekiel 18:23 – God does not delight in the death of the wicked
• Matthew 24:36 – No one knows the day or hour
• Revelation 22:12 – Jesus is coming soon
• 1 Timothy 2:3–4 – God desires all to be saved