

# MADE FOR MORE

## WEEK 4 GROUP GUIDE

### SERIES OVERVIEW

The Spirit helps us see sin for what it is, but we often live by our feelings instead. Seeing sin for what it is, we don't begrudgingly curb our sinful desires but gladly strive for self-control like a sinking swimmer reaches for a life preserver.

### BIG IDEA

When people irritate us, it's like they're chipping away at our restraint. However, the duration and intensity of our patience has a lot more to do with the promised return of Jesus. The Spirit empowers us to live patiently in light of eternity.

### ICEBREAKER/CHECK-IN QUESTION

- If you could magically have an endless supply of one type of fruit, what would it be and why?

### DISCUSS

- Share one or two thoughts that stuck out to you from this week's message.
- In what areas of your life do you struggle the most with being patient, and why?
- Reflect on a time when impatience caused tension or conflict in your relationships. How could a patient approach have altered the outcome?
- How can we cultivate a spirit of patience in our daily interactions with others, especially when we feel like we've had enough?
- Discuss a situation where you found it challenging to wait on God's timing. What did you learn from that experience?
- How can we distinguish between waiting patiently and passively accepting situations that need proactive change?
- Share practical tips or strategies you use to maintain a patient attitude during difficult or trying circumstances.

### READ

- **[GALATIANS 5:22-23](#)**
- **[JAMES 1:2-4](#)**

### DISCUSS

- How can the concept of "graciously accepting delay, trouble, suffering, & mistreatment without getting angry" from Galatians 5:22-23 apply to our interactions with others today?
- Reflect on the idea that James 1:2-4 presents trials as an opportunity for perseverance. How can we apply this perspective in our own lives, especially concerning patience and waiting?

### PRAY

Dear God, help us embrace patience as a fruit of your Spirit, trusting in your timing and finding purpose in the wait. Amen.