



Icebreaker: Who was a patient person in your life, explain?

Forbearance = Being patient with one another, patience on steroids. Giving slack to each other. Patience under provocation.

Romans 3:21-26 *But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, [i] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*

Have a group member read the scripture above.

1. Remember God's patience toward us. Turn around and do for others what God did for us.
 - a. What has this looked like for you in your relationships? The good and the not so good?

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 *-Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*

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What gets in the way of our ability to suspend judgement and become curious like Paul in the Scripture above?

1. **We personalize it-** tell ourselves a story about another persons' words or actions making it about or toward us.
2. **We villainize them-** they are evil or incompetent and enjoy making me suffer.

Watch or Listen to Brian's teaching 14:47-23:25 How can we become more like the principal in the story?

We need to exercise wisdom.

1. How does leading with relationship without endorsing or joining in all behavior help us learn from other "imperfect" people?