

Reflecting Jesus - Patience

Scripture:

John 20:24-31

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scripture passages?

1. What is a good working definition of mercy? (Have someone look it up if needed)
2. How many of you love patience? What is it about patience that makes it so hard?
3. How short is your fuse? Is it different in different situations? With different people?
4. If your ability to live patiently is different from person to person or situation to situation, what do you think makes it that way? (What factors influence your patience?)
5. In your life, how do you do with receiving the patience of others? (Is it hard for you when you make someone wait? Do you take their waiting for granted? Etc.)
6. How have you experienced Jesus' patience towards yourself?
7. Two significant points in the sermon:
 - o The reality of a fallen world challenges what I thought what life was supposed to be like with God.
 - o Thomas had to learn what he was going to have to live.
 - o Ask yourself this question: "**How does my expectation of _____ affect my ability to reflect the patience of Jesus?**" (You can fill in the blank with "God" a person, a situation, etc.)
 - o **What truth do you have to learn that will help you live more freely in this realm?**
8. Is the Spirit leading you toward repentance in some area today?

Spend some time thanking God for His patience - may it flow through us to others as well!