

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ What does the expression “Hurry Up and Wait mean to you?”
- **Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?**
- **WOF's Purpose:**
  - 1) We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
  - 2) We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
  - 3) We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international
- **Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday**
- **Facilitation of Lesson**

(Facilitator Notes)

**Patience and Faith -A Match Made In Heaven** (Book) by Bishop Keith A. Butler

### Faith Requires Patience

The Scripture tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. But, how can we say that we are in faith without having patience? When we seek God in prayer regarding His directions for our lives, it is important to practice patience and be diligent with guarding our hearts as we wait. Discontentment allows the enemy to rob us of the promises and blessings of God. As we go through the following points, we want to gain a deeper understanding on how we can practice being more patient as we stand in faith.

**READ: Hebrews 6:12 (KJV).** When we are patient, we can experience God's best in our lives. A good Father always knows what is best concerning our lives.

1. In your own words, define patience?

**READ: Romans 1:17 (KJV).** The Scripture reminds us that our faith become stronger when we spend time in the Word of God, whether it is through teaching, preaching or mediation.

2. How would you define someone who has faith?

**READ: James 2:17 (KJV).** After seeking God first in prayer, we must be open to hearing God's voice clearly concerning the details of the answer to our prayer. It is not until we respond to what we believe by following through with the correct actions (who, what, when, where, etc.) that we are in faith.

3. Give one example on how you can hear God's voice more clearly?

**READ: Proverbs 4:23 (KJV), Exodus 20:17 (KJV).** When we don't take the time to guard our hearts and pay attention to words that are contrary to the Word of God, our faith becomes weak and we begin to experience discontent. Discontentment causes us to become impatient and allows our faith to waiver.

4. Share a specific time that the words of others affected your faith?

**READ: Luke 8:11-15, Gal 6:9 (KJV).** The devil's main mission is to steal, kill and destroy. When we allow him to deceive us and steal the Word from being planted in our hearts, our flesh begins to rule our decisions. As a result, we begin to die spiritually and eventually experience defeat in every area of our lives.

5. What can you do to make certain that you remain in faith?

- **Time of Decision** (Everyone Bow Your Heads)

**1) Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior:** \*Some may have never received Jesus. \*You may be a good person, give to the poor, and serve in the community. \*Has there been a day where you confessed Jesus and Lord?

**(Read Romans 10:9)** If need to make this decision, raise your hand:

**What to do next:** Have them repeat after you: “I believe that Jesus is the son of God. I believe he died for me bearing my sins for me. I believe he rose from the dead and is alive right now. Dear Lord Jesus, come into my life now! Come into my heart now! I believe in my heart, and say with my mouth that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord as Savior. And I am, right now, born again.”

**2) Rededicate your life:** \*Is your life a mess? \*Are you struggling right now? \*You know something is just off in life? **{Read 1 John 1:9}**  
If you want to be restored with God, raise your hand:

**What to do next:** Lead the person in the following prayer, allowing them to repent before God for the area they have sinned: “Father, I come before you in the Name of Jesus asking for forgiveness ... (allow the person to personally speak to God about the specific thing they are repenting for). After they are finished, close out the prayer with them, thanking God for forgiveness and restoration.”

- **Time of Prayer**
- **Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?**
- **Announcements-Next WOF service and any additional announcements**
- **Dismissal**

**Prayer focus:** 1) Your Circle (friends and family) 2) Small Group members 3) Word of Faith Leadership

**Have you reached out to your circle today?**