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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

Nine Flavors ONE Fruit
Week 7

ICE-BREAKER:

What makes people so impatient? What makes you impatient?

DISCUSS:

Do you prefer to be around patient people or impatient people? Why is there a difference?

Pastor Steve mentioned three universal triggers for impatience. Which of these triggers are most challenging for you: relationships, life circumstances, or other "stupid stuff"?

How has God used other people to build patience into your life?

READ: *"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."* **- 2 Peter 3:9 (NLT2)**

How have you personally benefitted from God's patience?

READ: *"Love is patient and kind."* **- 1 Corinthians 13:4a (NLT2)**

How does patience demonstrate love and kindness?

Which of the three enemies of patience, that the pastor mentioned, are most challenging for you? Overload? Expectations? Or pride?

READ: *"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love."* **- Ephesians 4:2 (NLT2)**

APPLY:

Where is patience most needed right now (spouse, kids, parents, siblings, coworkers, neighbors, friends, others)?

What specific steps can you take to be more patient with others this week?