

## Thank God for Patience

LifeGroup Lesson

August 27, 2017

2 Peter 3:8-18

### OPENING PRAYER:

Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to you, "Speak, for your servant hears." Let me hear you speaking in my heart. Let me get used to the sound of your voice, that its tones may be familiar when the sounds of earth die away and the only sound will be the music of your speaking voice. Amen.  
—A.W. Tozer, in *The Pursuit of God*

### BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- How do you do with waiting?
- When you think of Jesus' second coming, what images come to mind?

### WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

2 Peter 3:1-18

- What ideas in this chapter cause you to pay attention? What is Peter's purpose for writing vs. 1-10?
- Compare and contrast the use of fire and water in this passage. What is the significance of each?
- V. 11 asks a powerful question. What answers are in the rest of the chapter? How do you answer this question?
- This passage includes many words of destruction, yet three times Peter says to 'look forward' to this day and speed its coming. Why?
- How do vs. 17-18 summarize this entire letter?
- If the day of the Lord were to come in your lifetime, what would you like to have accomplished? In your work, in your relationships and in your relationship with God?
- Read Revelation 22. What do you learn? How does this inform your life? Reread it and picture yourself in the scene.
- What can you do to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord? How will you put this in place this week?

### NEXT STEPS:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- Pray about how you would live differently if you believed the day of the Lord was coming? What steps would you take to live this faith?

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding  
and my entire will,  
All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace.  
That is enough for me. (St. Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556)