

## **LIFE Community Sermon Notes**

Week of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Galatians 5:22-23

Opening Question: In your opinion, what takes tests your patience more?

- a) Driving behind a slow driver when you are in a hurry.
- b) Waiting at the RMV.
- c) Calling your cable company to complain about service.

In this study we are going to look at the patience of Jesus in his relationship with Peter. The following are a selection of passages that you can read to show the relationship between Peter and Jesus.

John 1:40-42

Matthew 16:13-28

Matthew 17:24-27

Matthew 26:31-35

John 13:5-11

Luke 22:54-62

John 21:15-22

- Read through the passages together in the group and focus primarily on the relationship between Jesus and Peter. The other teachings of these passages are secondary for this study.
- Describe how Peter tests or tries Jesus' patience.
- Describe how Jesus allows his patience to show.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What characteristics that you discovered in Peter would test your patience?
2. What does Jesus' response teach you about patience?
3. What characteristics that you discovered in Peter do you see in yourself?
4. How might you allow the patience of Jesus to shape you more into His likeness?
5. How would you describe patience?
  - a. Longsuffering
  - b. (literally) slow to become angry
  - c. The giving of relational space
  - d. An unswerving willingness to wait on events rather than force them
  - e. Passive
  - f. Purposeful
  - g. Redemptive waiting
  - h. Your own description
6. How might your group provide relational space for redemptive waiting?
7. Consider sharing communion together in your group as a commitment to stand by each other, then commit yourself to working on your patience this week.