**WEEK 4 | 1 SAMUEL 16-20 | WAITING ON GOD**

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Would you describe yourself as generally patient or impatient? What situations bring out your impatience most?

Read 1 Samuel 16:12-13

David is anointed as the new king yet by chapter 20 he still isn’t king himself, rather is fleeing from Saul, the king God had rejected (1 Sam. 16:1, 14). Yet David never tried to take matters into his own hands to overthrow Saul.

* How do you think David was able to patiently wait on God, even through hardship?
* Discuss a time you’ve had to wait on God. Do you think you waited well, like David? Why or why not?
* Why do you think we’re so often tempted to take matters into our own hands rather than wait on God?

Read Exodus 34:5-7, Psalm 86:15, Romans 2:4, 2 Peter 3:8-9, 15, and Galatians 5:22-23

God is often described as patient and patience is a fruit of the Spirit.

* How have you experienced God’s patience in your life?
* How does David’s patience reflect God’s heart? (1 Samuel 13:14)?
* How can you cultivate this fruit of the Spirit and a heart like God’s?

What from this week’s Personal Bible Study or tonight’s teaching stood out to you? What new truth did you learn? How will you apply that this week?

Is there anything going on in your life right now where you feel you’re waiting on God and could use prayers for patience? Share with the group and be sure to take time to pray for each other, tonight and the rest of the week.