



# Sermon Growth Guide

**July 6, 2025**

**There is Patience**

**Luke 8:19-26**

**Key Verse:** Luke 8:25 - “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

**Big Idea:** The perfect patience of God can be found in the face of Jesus.

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## Foundations

This week, we come to the fruit of patience.

In Luke 8:19-26, Jesus models deep patience – first with his family’s misunderstanding, then with his disciples’ fear and lack of faith during the storm. He is not reactive or harsh. But he calmly stills the chaos. He invites them – and us – into a life formed not by panic, but by faith.

Patience, as seen in Jesus, is not passive. It is an active endurance rooted in confidence in God’s timing and power. His patience with the disciples mirrors his patience with us! He will never abandon us in the storms we face, but he will speak peace to them and call us to trust him as we place our faith in Him.

As we continue to follow Jesus, we continue to look for the fruits of the Spirit to be cultivated in us. As we peer into the face of Jesus, we will see the One who doesn’t demand instant maturity from us, but the One who walks with us, teaches and even patiently waits for us to bring our faith forward.

## Understanding God’s Word

Read Luke 8:19-26 together. What stands out to you in how Jesus responds to being misunderstood by his own family (vv. 19-21)? What does that show us about his priorities and inner peace?

In the boat, the disciples panic. How does Jesus demonstrate patience with them even as they accuse him of not caring?

Jesus asks, “Where is your faith?” Do you hear that as a rebuke, an invitation, or something else? Why?

What might it look like to grow in the kind of patience Jesus shows – in chaos, in waiting, in relationships?

## Applying God’s Word

Jesus calmly brings order to the storm. Where do you need Jesus to speak peace into a storm in your life right now?

When have you lost faith or composure in a difficult moment? How did God meet you there?

Jesus doesn’t rush faith formation. Where might you need to slow down and trust God’s timing – in your family, work, etc?

## Witnessing God’s Word

Jesus doesn’t avoid chaos – he enters into it and brings peace. How can your life be a witness to the unshakable peace and patience of Christ?