

# WEEK FIVE

## INTRO

**Patience.** David could have taken Saul out any time he wanted. After all, that throne was his. But he vowed not to lift a hand against the king the Lord had chosen. He didn't promote himself. He trusted that God would promote him.

## LEADER LIFTER

Week five. Only two more sessions before this CG series is complete. You are doing fantastic! This week's leader lifter is all about evangelism. Does the thought of sharing your faith with an unbeliever make you sweat? If so, you understand precisely what the rest of your group will feel. Let's talk about it.



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## ICEBREAKER

### My Life in Pictures

Bring a newspaper or magazine and have the group members tear out pictures, articles, or anything they think communicates something about themselves. Each person should share their choice and the reason for it with the group. You could use this activity as the basis for a journal collage that people bring to the small group each week.

**Tip:** This activity works particularly well with girls, but use your judgment as to whether it would work well with your group. This is an icebreaker where people often underestimate the amount of time required.

## DISCUSSION VIDEO

The Purpose behind waiting is not punishment. It's preparation. Jeremy had finished school and wasn't making any advancements in his career or life.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In this video, Jeremy talks about not making any headway in his life. His friends all had jobs and were getting married, but he felt stuck. What did God actually do in Jeremy's life during this period?

It is easy to feel like you're being left behind, especially when you see all God is doing in other people's lives. How has comparison impacted your faith over the years?

Most of us think of waiting as just sitting on our hands. But Jeremy is working hard during this period. Do you have the same attitude about waiting?

Ask someone to read **1 Samuel 24:1-7**.

If David had killed Saul, he would have been made King. But he decided to trust God rather than take a shortcut. Why do you think David had such confidence during a tough time?

Was there a time in your life when you had to practice patience as you waited? What happened?

Patience is challenging because it means you must rely on God, even if it's hard and things are not going your way. As a group, list some things you can do to help your faith during those times.

## PRAYER TIME

Use the space below to write down prayer requests from your group this week.

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