



## SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN

### Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ What's your favorite sport to play or watch? Why?
- **Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?**
- **WOF's Purpose:**
  - 1) We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
  - 2) We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
  - 3) We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international
- **Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday**
- **Facilitation of Lesson**

Attendee

### LONGSUFFERING

*Longsuffering* is defined as patiently enduring any lasting offense or hardship. The word longsuffering in the Bible is made up of two Greek words meaning "long" and "temper" or "long-tempered". To be longsuffering, then, is to have self-restraint when one is stirred to anger. Longsuffering is also one of the fruit of God's Spirit received in the new birth. As a Christian, to live victoriously, longsuffering is a characteristic we must develop and allow to grow and thrive in us in order to produce more fruit. It is not always easy to suffer long when it comes to dealing with difficult people and difficult circumstances surrounding people. However, we must choose to walk in longsuffering while allowing God to change our adverse circumstances.

**READ: Galatians 5:22-23 KJV, Colossians 3:12-17 NLT** - The old nature can be very short fused at times. When offenses come we tend to strike back with unkind words and unforgiveness.

1. Describe how you would "put on" longsuffering to avoid quarrelling with others?
2. What fruit of the Spirit have you called on most to help you with patience when your "fuse was short"?

**READ: 2 Peter 1:3-8 NLT** - We're expected to also supplement our faith. The more we grow in developing fruit, the more productive and useful we are to God.

3. What are some of the hindrances to walking in longsuffering?
4. How do you plan to nurture the fruit of longsuffering and patience toward others.

**READ: James 1:2-3 AMP, Ephesians 4: 30-32 NLT.** Count it all joy when we go through persecutions and afflictions. When our faith is tested, it builds character in us. Be kind and forgiving, just as God in Christ forgave us.

5. How has joy (laughter) helped your ability to be long suffering
6. Share one way we can practice being kind, forgiving and having practice restraint with others.

- **Time of Prayer**
- **Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?**
- **Announcements-Next WOF service and any additional announcements**
- **Dismissal**

**Prayer focus:** 1) Your Circle (friends and family) 2) Small Group members 3) Word of Faith Leadership  
**Have you reached out to your circle today?**