

The Heart of a Missionary

Small Groups Winter 2009

INTRODUCTION

This is our last week to study the heart of a missionary. How has your heart been softened towards evangelism? Have you made any changes inwardly so that when opportunities arise you will be ready with the good news?

This week we are going to look at the final essential quality of the heart of a missionary: Patience toward the Unsaved. This quality is exhibited by God, the Father, in the Old Testament and by Jesus in the New Testament and we want to follow His example.

Sick and Tired of Being a Light?

Share about the person (without naming them) in your life whom you have witnessed to and prayed for the longest – yet without their conversion.

What commonalities in your stories did you notice? Perhaps those people were self sufficient or stubborn? Perhaps you have given up on them?

Read [Luke 9:51-56](#). The disciples are real about their responses. Jesus sent them to the city of the Samaritans and the people were resistant. So they were ready to give up and destroy them. Can you relate to the disciples? But, what was Jesus response to them?

We aren't patient; but God IS!

Read [II Peter 3:3-9](#)

Peter is talking about the coming judgment of God and then states in verse 8, "do not let this one fact escape your notice." Peter's next statement is so important that he doesn't want it to get lost in the context of the Day of the Lord. What is the essence of this important statement in verse 9?

Remember Noah and the flood? – **Genesis 6: 5-7**. Noah preached for hundreds of years prior to the flood. Why do you think God waited to destroy them?

Remember Sodom and Gomorrah? – **Genesis 19:4-7, 19:28**. Why did God allow His messengers to be mocked by the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? Why didn't He instantly smite them?

Remember the Prophets being sent to rebellious Israel? **Acts 7:52** Why didn't God give up on them? What does His covenant have to do with it?

Love and compassion - New every morning

God's love and compassion is new every morning. Read Lamentations 3:22-23. God starts each morning with new love and compassion. We should start each morning with new love and compassion for the unsaved. And look at the second part of verse 23. Great is Your faithfulness!

PRAYER TIME

This week pray that God would give you a fresh desire to see the salvation of the unsaved whom you know have rejected Christ for a long time.

We are going to be taking two weeks off again. We will then be going for 4 weeks straight (March 16 – April 7). April 6 and 7 we will have our small groups seder meals. More information will be forthcoming.