

## Study Notes on Patience – Tim Blackburn 8 October 2017

### Luke 1:5-25

1. How easy do the members of the group find it to be patience? For some it will come naturally, others will want tomorrow yesterday?
2. What is the value of patience? When might there be benefit in impatience?
3. How do you respond to the slogan ' Be patient, God's not finished with me yet?'
4. Tim highlighted the relationship between patience and preparation. Can you recall times when a delay actually had positive longer term benefits? Some things do take time, and cannot be rushed.
5. Tim spoke about the relationship between patience and prayer. How do we deal with seemingly unanswered prayers?
6. Someone suggested that we should be careful about praying for patience, God's response might be to bring some particularly irritating people across your path. How do you respond?
7. Tim suggested that if we are patient when we pray, we might see God's greater purposes worked out. The answer may not be what we initially prayed for. Can you identify any examples?
8. The story of Zechariah and Elizabeth reminds us that God can do the apparently impossible. see Luke 1:14. When have we seen God moving powerfully doing the apparently impossible? Are we open to waiting for God to answer our prayers in God's way?
9. Review the story found in Luke 1:5-25 – what aspects of patience are seen in this story?
10. Pray for one another that the fruit called patience might be evident in each life.

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