



HAVE PATIENCE

ENGAGE

WELCOME

Make the students feel welcomed, wanted and seen.

Shake hands, give high-fives, write name tags, and connect them to other students.

ICEBREAKER (INTERACTIVE OR VERBAL)

Play a game with the Huddle or discuss the following to kick things off:

- *Share about a time you were patient in sport or life and it helped you reach your goals. How would being impatient have changed the outcome?*

(Option) Think - Pair - Share: Think about last week's challenge. How did it go? Pair with the person next to you and share any wins or thoughts from the previous week.

READ: 1 Timothy 1:16

“But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of His great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in Him and receive eternal life.”

EQUIP

SAY: Before Paul walked as Jesus' apostle, he was known as “Saul”, a zealous Jewish leader and persecutor of the early church. He led charges against churches, ordering the imprisonment of Christians and even their deaths. In 1 Timothy 1, Paul reminds his young disciple Timothy that Paul was the worst of sinners and yet Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners like him. Jesus was not phased by Paul's mess. Jesus met him at the perfect place and time on the road to Damascus and changed Paul's life forever.

Imagine you're stuck working at a local grocery store after being dropped from the NFL draft. That was the beginning of Kurt Warner's journey to the Hall of Fame. After being dropped from the NFL fresh out of college, Kurt worked at a grocery store until deciding his dream of playing in the NFL was worth pursuing. He exemplified high levels of patience and training for years with lower level leagues just to be recognized again. In 1991, Kurt was drafted by the St. Louis Rams and in his first season as the starting quarterback, Kurt led the Rams to a Super Bowl Championship. He was NFL MVP for

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two years, and after transferring teams, led the Arizona Cardinals to a Super Bowl Championship in 2008.

Kurt Warner demonstrated high levels of patience in order to endure hardship and see his dream come to life. Everyday Jesus demonstrates an even grander kind of patience towards us just as He did towards Paul. While Paul was lost in sin and persecuting the church, Jesus could have given him what he deserved. But he didn't. Instead He entered Paul's life and offered him salvation. He does the same for us. He's watched our greatest messes and downfalls. Yet He waits patiently while making Himself known to us so that we can have salvation and new life in Him. Instead of giving us the punishment we deserve for our sins, He gives us forgiveness by taking our sins to the cross. Instead of condemnation, He gives us grace. And his patience with us creates patience in us, which we can then demonstrate to others.

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION

The win of a Huddle is empowering key leaders to create an environment in a sports community where the gospel is made known and lived out through intentional conversation. Spend time in small groups discussing the following questions:

1. How might God be showing patience toward you on a daily basis?
2. How does God's patience toward you affect your patience with yourself and others?
3. What are areas you can grow in patience?

EMPOWER CHALLENGE

SAY: When you think and act with patience, you are reminding yourself of who Jesus is and showing others who He is as well. This week, think of one area in life where you want to be more patient. Focus on being quicker to listen, slower to speak and smarter in how you act so that patience can grow in you!

PRAYER

Break the Huddle. Invite the students to come back next week to engage with one another.

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