

CONVERSATION STARTERS

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This is a guide to help start a conversation about this week's service. Feel free to pick, choose, re-order and adapt as you see fit. You know your group best and can facilitate their experience by modifying as necessary.

ICE-BREAKERS

1. Revisit [The Potter & The Clay video](#) from this Sunday's service. How did this experience impact you? What part of your life might God want to be molding these days?
2. Can you think of a time when you invested energy in waiting for something trivial? Like a new product launch or a Black Friday sale? What about a time when you waited for something really significant? Like finishing school, waiting to hear test or interview results, a wedding date, or the birth of a child? What do you appreciate about times of waiting? What do you find most frustrating?

REVIEW

1. You may want to watch this week's message as a refresher. Or, try picking a spot with 10-15 minutes to go to review the main application(s). Messages are found at southridgechurch.ca/messages.
2. Feel free to try one or two of these: What did you hear in this week's message? What ideas stood out? What did you agree with? Disagree with? What questions came to mind? How did it make you feel?

REFLECT

1. Read [James 5:7-11](#). What is the hardest part of being patient and faithful in the midst of challenging circumstances?
2. What is the difference between waiting patiently and waiting impatiently? How are you most likely to give in to impatience when things are hard?
3. In what ways does the thought of God acting to intervene in your circumstances (either now or at Christ's return) give you hope? When do you find it most difficult to hang on to that hope?

RESPOND

1. What circumstances (either yours or those of someone you love) are testing your patience and endurance right now?
2. How can this group be a support to you in "standing firm" in your relationship with God and in your relationships with those around you in these circumstances?
3. Pray for each other, that God would grant patience and endurance and that God would intervene soon.

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